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On 4-3 Vote...

School Comm. Selects New Superintendent

For the second time in four years, the Agawam School Committee has selected a new superintendent of schools in a 4-3 vote. On Tuesday evening at the Middle School, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, the committee's chairman, cast the deciding vote for Frank A. Ameruoso of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Ameruoso is currently superintendent of schools in a 1,400 student California, Pennsylvania school district. He will replace retiring Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder.

Begin New Duties In August

Ryder will retire August and it is expected that Ameruoso will begin his new duties in Agawam at that time.

Four years ago Ryder was also selected on a 4-3 vote and it was again Johnson who cast the fourth vote.

And once again, it was Vincent F. Simone who barely lost out in receiving the job in Agawam. Four years ago Simone received three votes from the School Committee and on Tuesday night, he also received three of the committee's seven votes.

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Family Picnic Slated For Lisa Ziegert At VFW On June 30th

A family picnic in memory of Lisa Ziegert will be held at the Agawam VFW pavilion on South Street on Sunday, June 30th, beginning at noontime.

The donation is \$5 per person and the public is cordially invited.

Lisa Ziegert was murdered at a card shop on Walnut Street Extension in April 1992. Her killer remains at-large.

Your presence will help us unite together as a community to show our love and support for Lisa and her family, according to the group coordinating this event, as well as others that involve the memory of Lisa Ziegert.

"We cannot give up!" is the group's motto.

Subscription Drive Continues On...

We wish to thank the many, many subscribers who have submitted their 1996-1997 renewal notices over the past 10 days. We also received many favorable notes from our subscribers about THE AAN and this, too, is greatly appreciated.

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Riverside Welcomes Agawam Lions



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB held its Annual Banquet at the Riverside Park Pavilion on Friday, June 7th. Lioness member Caroline Banquet and her husband, Lions Club member Dick Bassett, are pictured with their grandchildren, Carly and Emily. RELATED PHOTOS IN FAMILY SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Meeting Being Called To Respond To Court Ruling...

ZBA Chairman Says Board To Weigh Options On Utility

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Ronald Hebert told *The Advertiser News* at presstime that the ZBA will probably meet on Monday, June 24th, to discuss what action to take on last week's ruling by a Hampden County Superior judge that overruled the ZBA's January denial of a special permit to the \$180 million power plant proposed by Berkshire Power.

At presstime Hebert said the meeting is slated for Monday, June 24th, at 5:00 p.m., at Town Hall. Hebert said he still needed the consent of one more of the three ZBA members before giving the required 48-hour notice of Monday's meeting.

Came As A Surprise Last Week

Last week Hampden Superior Court Judge William H. Welch took nearly everyone in town by surprise by overruling (so soon) the ZBA on its 2-1 decision not to give BP an exemption for its planned 167-foot smoke stack from a 40-foot height restriction in the town's zoning code.

The ZBA's 2-1 decision, according to its own rules, denied the BP request for the special permit because ZBA decisions must be by unanimous vote.

BP appealed the decision in Superior Court in January.

However, Welch said the 2-1 vote of the ZBA was sufficient to grant the special permit. Officials here said Judge Welch's decision was based on poor language in the town's zoning code, which in effect, created what Town Councilor Gary Suffriti said in a published report was "a loophole" in the town's zoning bylaws.

BP Officials Elated

Of course, the decision drew immediate praise from BP officials who stated that the 252-watt power plant would without a doubt be built on land off Shoemaker Lane.

Opponents, led by Kenneth Forni, chairman of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam, said the issue was far from over and that his group would continue to battle the power plant every step of the way.

Critics also said that unless the town appeals the judge's decision, the town's zoning laws were useless.

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NEW SUPERINTENDENT - from Page 1...

Voting in favor of Ameruoso were members Susan Pettazzoni, Linda Galarneau, Louis Massola, and Johnson.

In favor of Simone were Roberta Doering, Teresa Kozloski, and Rosemarie Sandlin.

The third finalist out of a field of 30 candidates, Westfield High School Principal Carl A. Ostrowski, received no votes from committee members on Tuesday night.

Massola said he originally favored Granger School Principal Phyllis Lewis for the position, but she did not receive the necessary four votes to become a finalist. Massola was one of three members who supported her candidacy.

"I wanted to keep it in-house. With someone from the outside, it will be at least a one to two-year learning curb to fully become settled in the position, especially with meeting the many guidelines imposed by the Education Reform Act. It would have been advantageous to have someone local," said Massola.

However, Massola called Ameruoso "quite an impressive individual. He is big on curriculum and strategic planning and he sold himself very well."

Pushed Technology

Ameruoso, who listed himself in his late 50's, has been superintendent of the California, Penn., school district for the past six years. While there he was a key figure in developing a technology plan and that asset will be welcomed by those in this community who have repeatedly said Agawam lags behind other cities and towns in computer technology.

Ameruoso holds a doctorate and a post-doctorate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in addition to two master's degree from Duquesnes University.

He was previously a superintendent of schools in Carlynton district for four years and then St. Clair for one year.

According to Mrs. Sandlin, she turned towards Simone, a current education consultant and former superintendent of schools in Bellemore, New York, after an on-site visit to Simone's former district.

"I found him (Simone) to be a calm and collected individual who would have done great things for the Agawam School System. He is a person who would have fought tenaciously for education in this town," she said.

Simone currently lives in Buzzards Bay and formerly worked in Newton as a teacher, curriculum coordinator, and elementary school principal for 12 years in that system. "This was someone who knows education is Massachusetts," added Mrs. Sandlin.

Simone holds a doctorate from Harvard University.

Mrs. Sandlin, who also originally supported Mrs. Lewis for the position, was critical of the selection process. She said after the 12 semi-finalist candidates were chosen, there should have been some type of discussion of what the committee was looking for in a superintendent, including background checks. "I think there should have been more public discussion on these 12 candidates before we selected the final three. We just voted for them (the final three) on paper ballots at our meeting."

However, Massola said he thought the selection process was "as fair and you can get. I was satisfied with the process and I am looking forward to working with the new superintendent."

Mrs. Sandlin echoed Massola's sentiments, adding, "I will support the new superintendent 100 percent."

The position was advertised between \$80,000 to \$90,000 and Johnson has the committee's endorsement to negotiate a contract with Ameruoso by using Ryder's current contract as a working model.

ZBA AND BP - from Page 1...

According to Hebert, now in front of the ZBA was whether to appeal Judge Welch's decision at the State Appellate Court, or to leave it alone. Hebert and board member Doreen Prouty voted in favor of granting BP the permit while member Ray Gendron was the dissenting vote back in January.

Hebert said the ZBA may go into executive session to discuss a plan of action. He also said a majority vote on what action the ZBA will take will rule the day.

The 17-year ZBA member said the board would continue to serve the best interests of the community. "That's our bottom line here. The best interest of Agawam," said Hebert.

He said this is only the second time in his 17 years as a ZBA member that the court has overturned one of their rulings. "We appealed that particular decision and won it but that was much, much different from this one."

According to the judge's ruling, BP must still abide by all 44 restrictions placed on it by the ZBA.

This latest turn of events is just another in an endless snarl of controversy and debate over the power plant and there certainly will be much more to report in the weeks and months ahead.

STATE AGENCY GIVES POWER PLANT UNANIMOUS O.K.

As expected at presstime, the state's Energy Siting Board gave Berkshire Power approval of its plan to build a \$180 million, 252-megawatt power plant on land off Shoemaker Lane.

The board's approval was a unanimous one. This is one of many hurdles Berkshire Power must clear before the plant can be built.

The next step before BP officials is to obtain a permit from the state's Department of Environmental Protection.

According to BP officials, this process is currently underway and they expect this to be completed within a month. This permit could not be obtained until after BP received approval from the Energy Siting Board.

More on this later.

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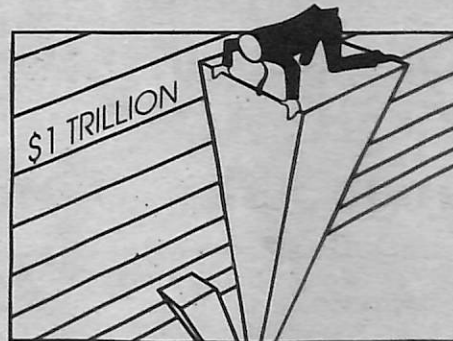
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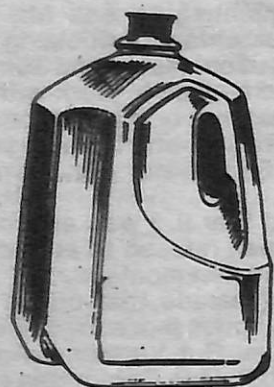
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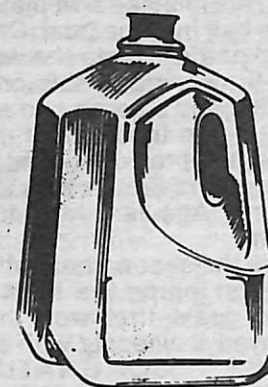


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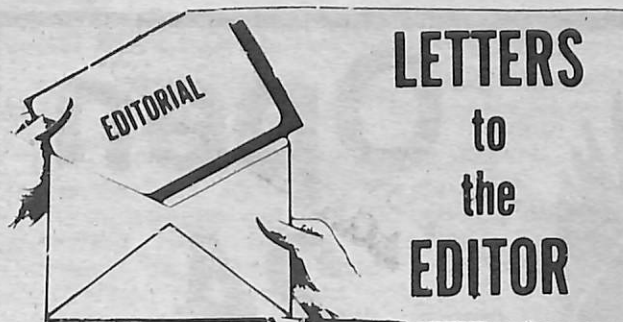


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Jr. Women Congratulate "THE UNBROLIEVABLES"

To The Editor:

We wish to congratulate the Pioneer Valley Junior League third graders, "THE UNBROLIEVABLES," for winning the Western New England championship for their division.

From a spectator's point of view, it was a touch and go situation in the playoffs. Ludlow and Agawam tied and went into overtime. Neither side could break the tie. In such cases, the league breaks the tie in a "shoot-out."

This is when five players individually try to kick the ball into the goal. On the third attempt, Kirsten Kirkpatrick made the winning kick that took them to the championship on Sunday.

Sunday's game had every parent and spectator sitting on the edge of their seats. During the first half, the previously undefeated Belchertown team scored its first goal in the first five minutes of the game. Agawam held them off until the second half.

In the second half, after a teammate was called out on injury, the team pushed forward to score two goals that won them the game. The team played flawlessly with a 2-1 victory.

WE CONGRATULATE "THE UNBROLIEVABLES" AND THEIR COACHES FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

Cindy L. Sanford &
THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Renaissance Enjoys Another Great Year At Agawam High

To The Editor:

Once again, Renaissance has seen a successful year at Agawam High School. Much of that success remains in the hands of the business community without whose support the program would not survive.

Renaissance, a program of incentives and rewards for students at Agawam High School, completed its fourth year with the help of area business. Donations came from the Agawam Chamber of Commerce with a hefty \$1,000 check and from the School Improvement Council, who also contributed \$1,000.

Other supporters whom Renaissance would like to thank include *The Agawam Advertiser* for their news coverage of the program; Agawam Auto School; Agawam High School Yearbook staff; Agawam Athletic Department and Kathy McSweeney; Mr. Files and Mrs. Poulin who offer Renaissance students discounts to their productions; Mrs. Williams and the Student Assistance Program for their free breakfast donations; Mr. David Pulaski for prom photos; AHS' cafeteria staff and Mr. Godek; Agawam Junior Women's Club; Baystate Gas Co.; Dayga Printing; Food Mart; Stop and Shop; Good Time Pizza; Hair Craft; Longmeadow Flowers.

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Renaissance survives solely on contributions and we would sincerely like to extend our thanks to these patrons who support academic excellence and responsible behavior of students at Agawam High.

Sincerely,
The 1995-96 Renaissance Team
Linda Sasso, Cindy McCormick
Mike Kidd, Dott Martin

Council Standing In Way Of Good Tax Deal With Utility

To The Editor:

Well, the majority of the Council has done it again. Over six hours of public hearings which dragged on so long in a hot auditorium that some councilors were almost asleep produced nothing more than a motion to table.

Of course that was the intent of the opposition all along. They used many long repetitive talks which were a waste of Council and taxpayer time in order to stall the vote on June 3rd. On June 12th, they compounded the problem by taking over four hours more.

I will admit that while I disagree with his position and conclusions on the agreement, Mr. Kasparian presented a well organized presentation that stuck to the issue. Still, I continue to ask, "Are they so unsure of their position that they are afraid of a vote?"

They petition for a citizen vote and yet they stall and prevent a vote by the citizens' elected officials. I would guess that the majority of the citizens tuned out the T.V. coverage after awhile. Is this a service to the city? Why not present to the citizens a concise and factual discussion of their position and then let each person make up his/her own mind?

One point seemed to escape the councilors. It came from a councilwoman from Holyoke who intended to help the opposition, but in my opinion, gave a practical example of our position. She stated in an answer to a direct question that the combined taxes for the two power plants in Holyoke, Mt. Tom and Holyoke Power, were a little over \$900,000 because they were taxed as a Corporate Manufacturer rather than a utility. Doesn't that support our position that Berkshire Power will pay substantially less as a manufacturing plant? Obviously, WMECO saw the advantage of paying less tax as a manufacturer.

Berkshire Power was willing to give the city more revenue when they filed as a Partnership. I believe they will now file as a manufacturer as WMECO has already done according to the Holyoke councilor. Just because Berkshire Power has started the process to file as a Partnership

doesn't mean they can't change their status later.

Remember, the state has already overruled local opposition to a housing development years back. Why not a power plant if the state views it as necessary to the power pool in this state? An article in Sunday's paper stressed the need for environmentally safe natural gas power plants. The state might see this plant as a value to the state as a whole, not just to Agawam. Will we be in such a strong bargaining position at that point as we would be with the "In lieu of taxes" agreement in place?

Only time will tell. The opposition and certain elected councilors may have to justify their positions if the plant comes and we get less revenue and have less power over the conditions of the plant.

Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

Criticism Over Memorial Day Ceremony Was Unwarranted

To The Editor:

It is sad and disappointing to see Mr. Rob Keenan week after week unfairly criticizing and making fabrications about our Mayor and some of our elected officials who happen to work with the Mayor in cooperation and not confrontation. I'm sick and tired of this individual who is so negative about our town, our officials, and our town activities.

As a veteran of World War II, I was especially upset to read that this man refused to attend our Memorial Day parade and ceremonies.

We have an excellent parade that brings our community together to honor those who fought and died for our freedom. Our Veterans' Agent, the Veteran Council, and Parade Committee did a wonderful job in organizing the parade and the ceremonies that were held afterwards.

Mr. Rob Keenan, you should be ashamed of yourself for criticizing our Memorial Day ceremonies and our officials. We are proud of our town and we don't need you or your false accusations. If you are not happy here, you not only have the right to attend activities in other towns, you also are free to go and live there.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, June 24th
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I think, sir, it is time that you stop trying to create trouble for Agawam. I think that we live in a wonderful community with an excellent government, good services, and wonderful people.

I feel sorry for you, Mr. Keenan.

Sincerely,
Jessie Fuller, Agawam
World War II Veteran
Former City Councilor

Confusion Arises Over Flag That Was Made For A Contest

To The Editor:

I do not know if you recall the contest for a town flag that was held here in the fall of 1993, but my son Jeremy won with a design very similar to the orange and brown flag shown in your paper last week.

I am very upset to see it being reported by this paper as the town flag. It most certainly is not. The official flag is not only orange and brown, but also has the town seal in the design.

I know this because my son Jeremy designed, drew, and won the town contest. The Town Council voted on it and I believe a flag was made and is hanging in the State House in Boston. Jim Taylor was supposed to handle that.

We are very, very proud of Jeremy's design, and he was proud that he won. I was upset to see the orange and brown flag represented as the town flag; it is not. It was something made for "Orange and Brown Day."

Diane Gagnon
Agawam

Power Plant Should Be In Better Location

To The Editor:

My name is Daniel Krewski, 81 Larivee Lane, West Springfield. To achieve ideal Democracy on all very important health, fairness, and financial matters, it is only just to hold a citywide referendum such as the power plant controversy.

A fair and good example of where to locate the power plant in my opinion is to locate it at the mid-point between all of the politicians' homes who want the power plant.

My second and better choice is to locate it on non-farmland or in the hills where no one lives nearby. Homeowners near the presently proposed location would be robbed of thousands of dollars in terms of rezoning, thus loss of home value and taxes. Golfers and fishermen would also suffer from acid rain, at least indirectly.

I am breathing-impaired after working in power plants that polluted my bronchial tubes. My first question is: Will Agawam put \$1 million of its incoming tax money into an escrow bank account to cover all future air pollution damage (such as bronchitis)?

The proposed lack of taxes, favoring air polluters, will induce permanent hardships on infants and the elderly, including Medicaid recipients and people on welfare.

My second question is: Will Agawam and all large polluters maintain in escrow accounts a \$1 million fund to compensate, with empathy, the senior citizens and infants who suffer and die prematurely from pollution?

I thank you for your consideration

Daniel Krewski
West Springfield

People Should Be Committed To The Messages They Send

To The Editor:

I received a note by mail over last weekend, evidently in response to my recent letter regarding my attendance at another community's Memorial Day observances. While it would have been nice to thank the note's sender, through apparent oversight there was no signature or return address.

This brings to my mind an important lesson. If one is committed enough to write down his or her ideas and send them to another party, one should always remember to take responsibility for those ideas.

As readers of this newspaper are aware, I have not been particularly shy about presenting my thoughts in this forum. However, I have always attached my name and my signature to the letters I have written. This does not take an inordinate amount of courage — just commitment to, and responsibility for, the message one wants to send.

On the other hand, failure to take responsibility for a message, especially if such failure is continuous, could signal a lack of commitment to the

Ideas presented. Good ideas and thought-provoking arguments could be lost for this reason.

I encourage everyone to take heart and write to this forum if they have a message they want to present. This newspaper column is one of the few places where such messages have a chance of appearing.

Over the years, we have seen an entire range of ideas, from praise and thanks for a particular service or assistance, to criticism and outrage over injustice and disservice. For that, this newspaper and its staff should be commended.

Writers should just remember to sign their names to their work.

Sincerely,
Rob Keenan
Agawam

Discussion On Berkshire Power Is Far From Being Over

To The Editor:

As the employees of Berkshire Power and their mouthpieces run around town congratulating themselves on their recent temporary successes, there are a few points that I hope the voters and taxpayers of this community will keep in mind.

First, all of Agawam must understand that the Berkshire Power discussion is far from over. There will be many more rounds in this bout and, unfortunately, we can all probably look forward to years of litigation.

Berkshire Power was successful in convincing one judge that the laws of our town are no good, but that was only the beginning of that fight. The mayor and his administration have a moral responsibility to appeal their judgement and to fight to protect the integrity of our zoning laws.

Second, I urge all of my fellow citizens to carefully read the Tentative Decision recently issued by the State's Energy Facilities Siting Board. The Berkshire Power crowd, who claim to be our good neighbors and to be looking out for our best interest, have conveniently overlooked some very troubling issues raised in the Siting Board's report.

It is all summed up on page 201 of the Siting Board's report where the board states ... "The Siting Board has found that the Company has not established that the environmental impacts of the

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proposed facility at the primary site would be minimized with respect to **air quality, water supply, or noise** (emphasis added). The Siting Board goes on to say that they must evaluate "trade offs" between the environmental impacts and costs.

I interpret that to mean that even though Berkshire Power has failed to minimize the effects of its proposed plant on the health and safety of the citizens of this community, the Siting Board has approved the proposal because it would cost too much for Berkshire Power to do what they have promised us that they would do all along.

How much is too much? What price has Berkshire Power determined is too high to pay to protect our air quality, water supply, and environment? Is this trade off acceptable to the Berkshire Power mouthpieces in this town? Is the CAT group willing to put a price on the health and safety of our children and elderly citizens? Do we, the citizens of Agawam, have to accept these trade offs? Should we? I think not!

Finally, we should all carefully note that Berkshire Power and the Johnson administration are supporting a Payment in Lieu of Tax deal which is simply not good for the town. The administration is trying to force the council to approve a poorly negotiated and vaguely structured contract. The proposed contract ties the hands of this community for 40 years with no re-negotiation clauses or protections for Agawam.

The administration is willing to "sell out" this community for hundreds of thousands of dollars less than other communities receive for similar projects. The administration is trying to force its will on future Councils and Mayoral administrations for the next 40 years by stipulating where the Berkshire Power funds will go. This is a clear violation of the intent of the town charter which give the council the power to set spending priorities for this community.

As you listen to the Berkshire Power/Johnson propaganda about this proposed PILOT deal, keep in mind that 40 years is a very long time. We should all recall that 40 years ago, it cost three cents to mail a letter, less than \$1,000 to buy a car, and less than \$10,000 to buy a house. How much will these things cost in 40 years?

Forty years from now, Berkshire Power's offer of \$1,000,000 plus per year could well seem a pittance to all of us, especially as we reflect on the damage that the facility might cause to our air, water, and health.

If the mayor and his cronies are willing to sell out the future health and well-being of our

neighbors and to compromise the character of this town, shouldn't we at least do it right? Shouldn't we hire a high-powered, outside law firm to independently evaluate the Berkshire Power offer and to negotiate on behalf of the citizens of Agawam?

It would be expensive, but when our community is considering making 40-year commitments with outside businesses that will be damning our environment, don't we owe it to our children and grandchildren to adequately protect our community's interest?

Unfortunately, we have all recently witnessed the ineptitude of our town's legal department; they were unable to get a simple zoning case to trial and, until the appeal is settled, have allowed Berkshire Power to raise doubts about all of our zoning laws. Can we really trust this group to negotiate a huge tax deal for us? I'm afraid not!

Many of the people who work for Berkshire Power are great at the art of "spin control." I hope all of my fellow citizens will look beyond the "Company's" effort to spin the facts and see the troubling reality which lies at the heart of this matter. The health and safety of our citizens, and the character of our neighborhoods, are in great jeopardy.

We must fight these money-driven outsiders and fight to protect our future and that of our children.

Frank Lawlor
Agawam

Councilors An Embarrassment To Town Of Agawam

To The Editor:

After watching the June 12th Public Hearing on the proposed in lieu of tax proposal, I decided I had to voice my opinion on the conduct of certain councilors. It has been stated in the past that Councilors Ennis, Suffriti, Caba, and Langone were an embarrassment to the town.

I feel that the conduct of Councilors Simpson, Thompson, Bitzas, and Quatrone is more embarrassing than anything other councilors have done. Here are some examples of this behavior from just this meeting alone.

1. Councilor Simpson sitting at her seat wearing a tank top making faces and looking at her watch all night, showing me she had no interest in being at this meeting.

2. Council President Thompson and Councilor Simpson passing little notes to each other while citizens were speaking to them about this most important issue.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of County Estates of Agawam on June 24-26, 1996. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the in-

3. Council President Thompson paying such little attention to the speakers that she had to interrupt Karl Stieg and ask him to state his name and address even though he had already done so.

4. Councilor Bitzas asking a speaker if she had anything other than a newspaper article to back up what she was saying about Holyoke. Last I knew a newspaper was a good source of information, and all she was trying to do was to bring it to the Council's attention. It appeared to me he wanted her to become a reporter.

5. Councilors Bitzas and Quatrone defending their actions of running to Ken Roberts for help at the first part of this public hearing. Evidently, councilors don't communicate with each other so they had to each hear Mr. Roberts drop the additional \$200,000 that they offered.

6. Councilor Bitzas asking Councilor Suffriti where he was getting his information when Councilor Suffriti was reading directly from the Town Charter, and stated that he was reading the Charter.

7. Council President Thompson exploding with anger when Councilor Suffriti was questioning her ruling on how many votes something would require.

If past actions were embarrassing to the Council, what would these actions be considered? This issue is one of the most important items facing the town. Not only has it divided the Council, but it has divided the town. The purpose of a public hearing is to provide information to the Council and to show the Council the desires of the voters. It is evident that four councilors have no interest in what the citizens think, because if the Mayor thinks something is good, it must be.

Councilors Thompson, Simpson, Quatrone, and Bitzas should at the very least give each citizen the respect they deserve as speakers, regardless of their feelings about an individual, or that individual's side of an issue.

Maybe if they would think independently instead of being the Mayor's little puppets, this town would not be so divided. I hope these councilors will remember (when it is time to vote on this agreement) that not one person spoke in name only to support this P.I.L.O.T. agreement.

I also hope they vote what is best for our town and not best for our Mayor. Councilors Ennis, Suffriti, Langone, Caba, Skolnick, Perry, and Servis should be applauded for their efforts in listening to the facts and at least showing interest in what all citizens have to say, not just certain citizens.

Scott Bracci
Feeding Hills

PUBLIC NOTICE

Such requests should be addressed to:
Division of Accreditation Operations
Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of
Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting. This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

Date Posted: June 5, 1996

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LEGAL NOTICE

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Fire Safety On The Job

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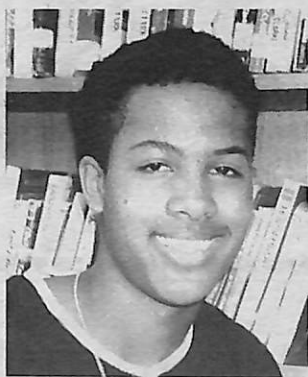
The Agawam Fire Department suggests that all places of employment develop and practice an emergency fire escape plan. Employees should know how to use fire extinguishers, which should be stored near all work areas.

Additionally, work areas should be kept free of trash and other combustibles that could easily become fuel for a fire.

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Magovern Fundraiser On June 27th To Feature Lt. Governor Cellucci

The Magovern Committee to elect Robert Magovern of Agawam for State Representative is holding a fundraiser at The Oaks on Thursday, June 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci will be the honored guest. Introducing Lt. Governor Cellucci will be Representative Walter DeFilippi. On hand to lend support to Magovern's campaign will be many local elected officials. Representative Dave Peters, one of the leaders of the House, will also be present to lend his support and endorsement to Magovern.

Magovern is a native of Agawam and a graduate of the Agawam school system. He stated how proud he is to be representing the Third Hampden District in the November election.

Asked why he wants to be our next representative, Magovern said, "I have seen a lot of changes over the years within our educational system and am not satisfied with many of them. I feel that I have a unique perspective and a vision for what we can accomplish within our schools. With more and more of the local control of our schools being shifted to Boston, I feel we need representatives that are in tune with our area's needs."

In addition to the educational needs of the district, Magovern is concerned about strengthening the economic base needed to support our schools, police, roads, recreation facilities, and senior services. Magovern said that a strong economic development policy for our area is like "a chicken and an egg situation."



STATE REP. CANDIDATE ROBERT MAGOVERN (R) chats with Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci (right) about his upcoming fundraiser at The Oaks on June 27th.

He stated, "We can not have quality public services without a tax base to pay for them. But without good public services, we can not attract the high tax-yielding businesses. What it takes is a strong development plan and the leadership in Boston to bring to this area quality businesses."

The Thursday, June 27th fundraiser will not only be a time to meet the candidate, but also a chance to talk to the Lt. Governor about other issues that could be helpful to our area.

For more information about the fundraiser, please call the Magovern Committee at 789-0171.

Keenan Lauds Bill On Improvement Of Health Care Delivery

Representative Daniel F. Keenan was pleased at House action on House Bill 6103, legislation that will provide expanded health care access to uninsured children and low income seniors. The bill provides for:

- * Expansion of Medicaid eligibility to children up through age 12 whose family incomes are below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$30,300 for family of four).

- * Increased eligibility to Children's Medical Security Plan up through age 17 to cover children not qualified for the Medicaid program (currently eligibility stops at age 13).

- * Creation of prescription drug subsidy program for low income seniors who cannot afford to purchase prescription drug coverage.

- * Repeal of the employer mandate of health insurance coverage (of Chapter 23 or 1988, the universal health care statute).

- * Streamlined Medicaid eligibility for all residents under 133 percent of the poverty level.

- * Continued study of the Commonwealth's uninsured and uncompensated care needs.

"This is a win/win situation for the improved health care of Massachusetts citizens and a more efficient use of our health care dollars through a managed care type system," said Keenan. "Not only does the bill improve health care access for those in need, but it also provides that care in a preventative manner rather than in an 'emergency room type setting.'"

"It is unfortunate that in 1996 there are still Massachusetts residents who cannot gain access to health care. It is our goal to assist in expanding health care for children and elders," added Keenan.

Keenan stated that the bill, co-sponsored by Senator Mark Montigny and Representative John McDonough, offers a financing plan that will generate nearly \$257 million to ensure health insurance coverage for needy uninsured youngsters. The initiative would be funded by new federal reimbursement funds and a 25 cent increase in the cigarette tax. It will also provide low income seniors with prescription drug assistance.

The cigarette tax increase is expected to generate more than \$100 million. The bill leverages these funds to obtain approximately \$157 million new federal reimbursements. The combination of new revenue streams is projected to fund the expansion of health care to children and the prescription drug subsidies to seniors.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1996, at 7:00 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of SANDRA PRIVE who is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a second housekeeping unit at the premises identified as 907 SHOEMAKER LANE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

Strawberry picking time

While last week's heat and humidity weren't real popular with you and me, the crops really seemed to enjoy it.

We've started picking our own strawberries, summer squash,

lettuce and peas in addition to our own hothouse tomatoes, cukes, and peppers.

And the stand is full of other fruits and vegetables from around the world, as well as eggs, Pioneer Dairy milk, Granville Country Store cheese, bread from Alvin's Sandwich Shop and Freihofer, and delicious home baked pies from High Hopes Orchards.

We also have croaking frogs (you're just going to have to stop in and see for yourself) and some beautiful cast iron plant hangers to go

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Agawam Obituaries

Helmuth F. Flathman

Helmuth F. Flathman, 87, of 11 Beech Hill Road, Feeding Hills, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

He was a 44-year engineer for the former New York Telephone Co., and retired in 1970.

Born in New York City, he lived in Feeding Hills for 20 years. He worshipped at the Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield.

He belonged to the Agawam Conservation Commission, the Telephone Pioneers of America, the Westfield Train Club, and the Springfield Hobby Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Pauline Giauque; a son, Donald F. of Glenside, Pennsylvania; a daughter, Frances M. O'Brien of Longmeadow; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church memorial fund at 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Robert D. Brennan

Robert D. ("Bo") Brennan, 63, of Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, and formerly of Gilman Street, Holyoke, died in Holyoke.

He was a Holyoke fireman for 21 years, and retired as a lieutenant in 1978.

Born in Holyoke, he attended the city's former Sacred Heart Grammar School, and was a 1951 graduate of Holyoke High School.

He was an athletic standout at HHS, and pitched for the HHS Purple Knights state championship baseball team in 1950.

He was named most valuable player of the Amateur Athletic Union baseball tournament in 1953, and had his name inscribed on a plaque at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He belonged to the Holyoke Country Club, Elks Lodge 902, and the John Boyle O'Reilly Club in Springfield.

He moved to Agawam nine years ago, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Martina A. Hickey; a son, Patrick J. of Holyoke; three daughters, Sally Meiers of West Springfield, Eileen Foley of Yarmouth Port, and Anne Schmidt of Lodi, California; three brothers, Gerald of Centerville, James of Holyoke, and Peter of South Hadley; two sisters, Margaret Henderson of Holyoke and Eileen Graham of Bethalto, Illinois; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home and the Blessed Sacrament Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, all in Holyoke.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Youth Baseball League, in care of James Athas, 37 Sherwood Terrace, Holyoke, MA 01040, or the Holyoke Girls Athletic League (GALS).

Marjorie H. Taylor

Marjorie H. (Wilcox) Taylor, 78, of 526 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died at Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, she was a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills. She was a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church and served on church committees.

She was past president of the Ladies' Benevolent Society and was in the Golden Age Club Chapter Two and the former Feeding Hills Community Women's Club.

Her husband, Richard M. Taylor, died in 1986. She leaves two daughters, Carol J. Taylor of Feeding Hills and Linda M. Edelman of Agawam; and two sisters, Bernice Hosmer of Southwick and Kathryn Jackson of Granby, Connecticut.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or to the Visiting Nurse Association, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Alexander James Neal & Alexys Jade Neal

Alexander James Neal and Alexys Jade Neal, the infant twins of Meredith P. Jr. and Desiree P. (Upson) Neal of Feeding Hills, died at Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

They were born at Baystate Medical Center on June 8th.

Besides their parents, they leave their grandparents, Damian and Daria Upson of Bloomfield, Connecticut, Della M. Neal of Springfield, and Meredith P. Neal of Middletown, Connecticut; their great-grandparents, William and Sylvia Upson of Jamaica, New York, Hal and Johnnie May Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Willie Anthony Royster of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and their great-great-grandmother, Frederica Taylor of Brooklyn, New York.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM APPROVED ORDINANCE TOR-96-4 LEGAL NOTICE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEES FOR PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL AND THE WAGE SCALE FOR PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL PERSONNEL (Sponsors: Counc. Thompson, Suffriti, Servis)

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department operates the Perry Lane Nursery School as a self sustaining program with the expenses of the program being paid by the fees which are charged to the participants; and

WHEREAS, the fees for the Perry Lane Nursery School have not been adjusted since 1991; and

WHEREAS, the wage scale for the personnel at the Perry Lane Nursery School has not been ad-

(1) Amend Section 103-12 of Chapter 103 entitled "FEES" as follows:

Delete:

Perry Lane Nursery	
Monday/Wednesday/Friday per month	\$65.00
Tuesday/Thursday	\$50.00

(2) Amend Sub-Section (9)(c) of Section 49-7 of Chapter 49 entitled "PERSONNEL" as follows:

Nursery School Head Teacher	
Nursery School Assistant Teacher	
Nursery School Aide	

justed since July 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam to amend the fees for the Perry Lane Nursery School and to adjust the wage scale for Perry Lane Nursery School personnel; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council does hereby amend the Code of the Town of Agawam as follows:

Add: (Effective 09/01/96)

Perry Lane Nursery	
Two Day Program, per month	\$60.00
Three Day Program, per month	\$75.00

Effective 07/01/96

\$10.38 per hour
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Effective 07/01/97

\$10.74 per hour
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Nancy E. Thompson, President
Agawam Town Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

DATED THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE, 1996.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Published: June 20, 1996



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OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

George E. Schwein

George E. Schwein, 57, of 85 Carr Avenue, Agawam, died in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Born and educated in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was a 1956 graduate of Marie Mont High School in Cincinnati.

He had lived in Agawam for the past 35 years, and had been a clerk with Conrail R.R. in West Springfield for 31 years.

He was a member of the IBEW of the Railroad, a former Little League coach in Agawam, a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and was stationed at Westover Air Force Base for 4½ years in the Air Force.

He leaves his wife of 36 years, Barbara A. (LaPlante) Schwein; two sons, Michael J. Schwein of Aurora, Colorado, and Robert P. of Agawam; one brother, Edward of Cincinnati; four sisters, Mary Prickett, Ellen Knabb, Rita Burton, and Dorothy Dumbacher, all of Cincinnati; many nieces and nephews; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held from Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, followed by a liturgy of Christian burial in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial was in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Church, 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Barbara J. Pronovost

Barbara J. (Almquist) Pronovost, 52, of 67 Maple Street, Agawam, a 34-year hairdresser, died at home.

She owned the Talk of the Town Beauty Parlor.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam most of her life. She was a graduate of the Mansfield Beauty Academy in Springfield, and belonged to Feeding Hills Community Grange 382, the 4-H

Club, and the Valley Community Church.

Her husband, Raymond L. Pronovost, died last year.

She leaves two daughters, Kimberly A. Couture of Feeding Hills, and Karen M. Casey of Westfield; two brothers, Theodore R. Jr. of Willimantic, Connecticut, and Dana A. of Feeding Hills; a sister, Caroline Almquist of Feeding Hills; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Barbara J. Pronovost Scholarship Fund — for any student from Agawam High School studying hairdressing — in care of Westbank, 1340 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Gottfried H. Wolf

Gottfried H. Wolf, formerly of Eldert Street, Springfield, died in Jupiter, Florida on June 6th.

He was a retired commercial house painter.

Born in Flakenstein, Germany, he lived in Springfield for many years. He attended the Grace Baptist Church, formerly in Springfield and now in Feeding Hills.

He moved to Jupiter two years ago, and worshipped at the Beacon Baptist Church there.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, the former Melanie Seyfert; a son, Herbert of Wheaton, Illinois; a daughter, Irmgard Heath of Jupiter; a sister, Liesbeth Loescher of Hadley; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the Grace Baptist Church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Baptist Church.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 27, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Mocclo for work to be performed on Ramah Circle North, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: June 20, 1996

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1996, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of WAYNE INDUSTRIES which is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a Loading Dock, at the premises identified as 61 INDUSTRIAL LANE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman
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SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the sale of a single family residential structure at the premises identified as 196 COREY STREET.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman
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POLISH AMERICAN CLUB Women's Auxiliary past presidents (from left) Helen Daubitz (1973-74, 1994-95), Jennie Juzba (1963-64), Mary K. Labun (1967-68, 1992-93), and founding member Zoafia Demko admire the new pear tree that was planted on the club's grounds to honor the auxiliary's 35th anniversary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Pear Tree Planting Honors 35 Years Of Polish Women's Aux.

A flowering pear tree has been planted to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam, "rooted" in memory of all of its members.

Since its inception of October 1961, this organization has strived to maintain the purpose for which it was intended — to assist and support the Polish American Club of Agawam in its civic and social endeavors.

The earliest fundraisers consisted of Mardi Gras, picnics, bazaars, fashion shows, rummage sales, strawberry suppers, and cookbook sales. Monies were raised to furnish needed items within the club and support local youth organizations and various community charities.

Yearly, the members take special pride in the club's scholarship program and also the monetary assistance given to needy families during the holiday season.

Kids Pay Visit To Heritage Hall



A GROUP OF KIDS paid a visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home (East Building) recently to participate in the year-end "Magic Mix Celebration" with nursing home residents. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual Lisa Ziegert Golf Tournament To Benefit Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lisa Ziegert was abducted on April 15, 1992. Her body was found four days later. Her killer has not been found.

In an effort to keep her spirit alive, the family and friends of Lisa Ziegert will be holding an annual golf tournament and family picnic in her memory.

The tournament will be held on Sunday, June 30, 1996 at the Agawam Country Club in Agawam at 7:45 a.m., followed by a family picnic at 12:00 noon at which the public is invited. It will be held at the VFW on South Street in Agawam.

The proceeds from these events will benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund, which was founded shortly after her death. This money will be used to provide scholarships for those students in

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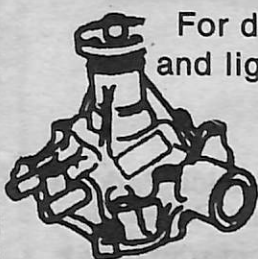
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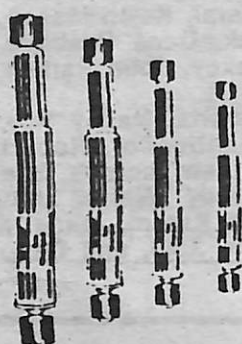
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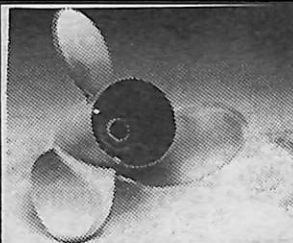
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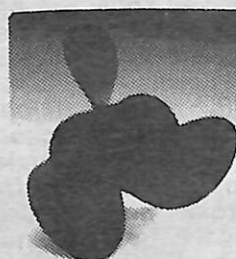
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AGAWAM LIONESS MEMBER Dian Curran and her granddaughter, Courtney Hill, 3, were part of the contingent who attended the Annual Agawam Lions Club Picnic at Riverside Park on June 7th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High's Class Of 1981 Seeks Members

Agawam High School's class of 1981 is planning its 15th reunion for November 30, 1996.

If you know the address of anyone on the list below or have moved recently, please contact Nancy O'Keefe, 786-7738, or Terry (Amelin) DeMichele, 569-5974.

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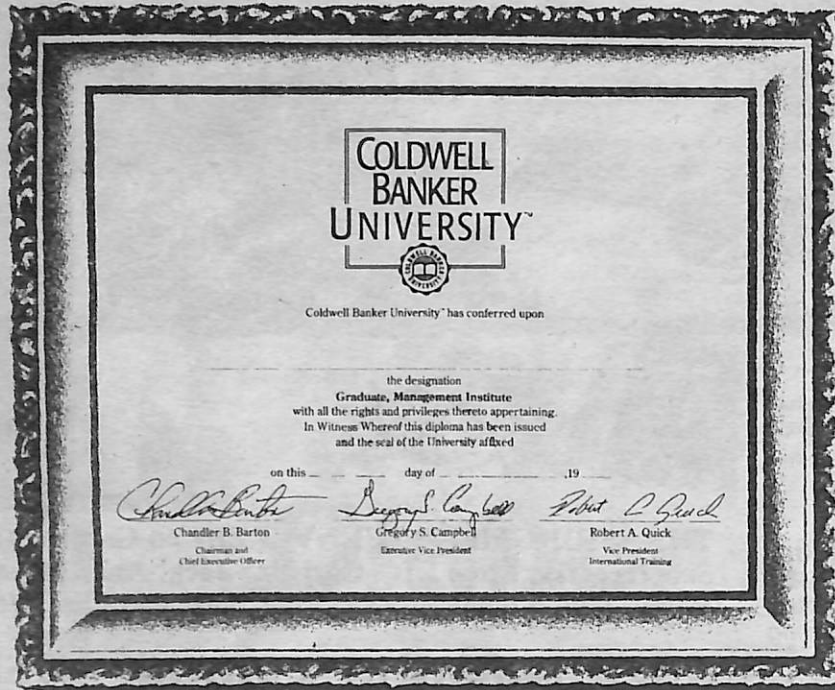
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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 24th: Turkey salad in pocket bread, surprise salad, potato puffs, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, June 25th: Meatloaf w/gravy, baked potato, peas, rye bread, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, June 26th: Juice, chicken cutlet on roll, lettuce, tomato, broccoli salad, jello w/fruit.

Thursday, June 27th: Summer pork stew (potatoes, yellow & green squash, onions & tomatoes), wheat bread, cookies.

Friday, June 28th: Baked fish, Italian mixed vegetables, potato rounds, rye bread, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Fundraiser Scheduled For Bryan Beaudette

A fashion show fundraiser to help defray medical expenses for Bryan Beaudette will be held at the Yankee Pedlar Inn on Northampton Street in Holyoke on Friday, June 28th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Bryan is the son of 1982 Agawam High graduate Michael Beaudette.

Sponsors of the fundraiser are the Holyoke Lions Club and the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce. TV-40 anchorwoman Eileen Curran, a Holyoke native, will serve as commentator for the fashion show and will be helped by Kevin Hamel from the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$16 each and will include champagne and dessert. Tickets will be available at the Yankee Pedlar.

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THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN on Garden Street in Feeding Hills held a Tag & Bake Sale recently. From left - Christine Jack, Anne Maynard, Toni Nothdurft, Judy Stenteford, Wilma Gillan (chairwoman), Eva Jack, and Erna Wedemeyer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Beautification Comm. Welcomes New Member

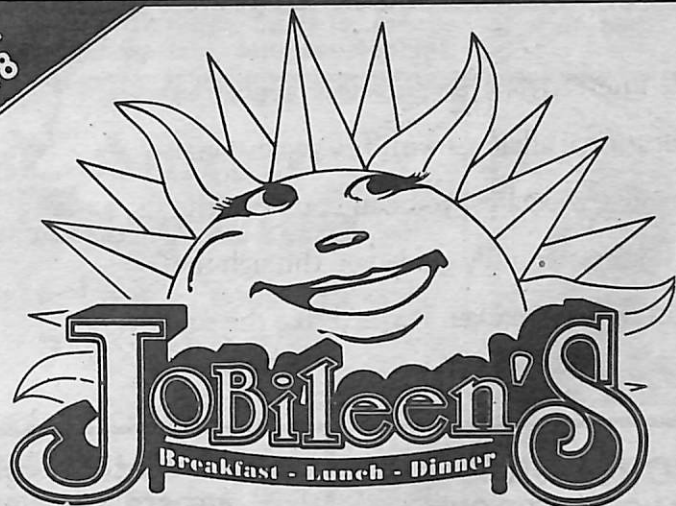
Paul and Marge Rannenberg came to Agawam a couple of years ago prepared to make an investment not only in a new home but also in the neighborhood and the community. A few months ago, Paul joined the Agawam Beautification Committee because he and his wife had some specific constructive suggestions for improvement and a desire to "adopt" an area.

They adopted the island at the intersection of River Road and Main Street. From it they recently

removed 7½ gallons of sand and trash and, at their own personal expense, acquired and installed two flower barrels in which they planted an attractive array of flowers which they will look after throughout the season.

The Agawam Beautification Committee welcomes and thanks Paul and Marge for their efforts, and it invites all Agawam residents to become ex officio members of the Committee in reference to their property, treebelts, and neighborhoods.

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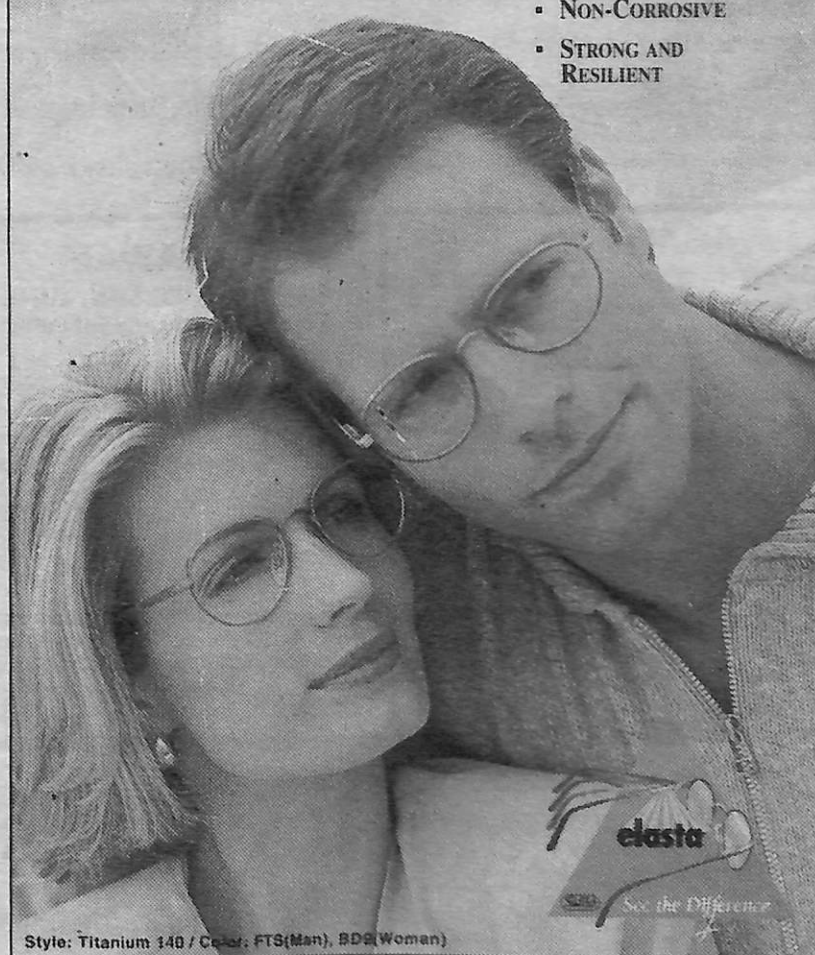
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The bride's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Warren Ray Ortego of Baton Rouge. She is a graduate of McKinley Senior High School.

Parents of the groom are Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Tetreault of Agawam. He is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College.

Maid of honor was Christi McLennan.

Bridesmaids were Karen Fairchild, Trudy Fortenberry, Darlene Lacour, Julie Ortego, and Jennifer Ortego, all sisters of the bride.

The best man was Brian Tetreault, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Steven Tetreault, brother of the groom, Robert Reyome, Chris Bowry, Benito Rocca, and Larry Kaddy, cousin of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the UCT Hall in Baton Rouge. After returning from a wedding trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Lafayette.

Robert Moller Named Top Correction Officer

Robert Moller of Barry St., Feeding Hills has been selected as Correctional Officer of the Year by the Department of Corrections in the state of Connecticut.

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Pizza & Beer Party For Scleroderma Research Slated For June 26th

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This party will be the first event for 1996 and will be held in memory of Ruth Borgatti, who succumbed to the disease in 1973; Cy Malloy, who died in 1995 of this same disease; and Don Bellevue, a committee member who died in 1993.

The committee, which is called "Gubby And Friends For Scleroderma Research" (along with Ruth's three daughters), has been working to raise funds for research for the past 20 years. Due to their hard and diligent work, the committee members have thus far been successful and hope that this trend will continue.

Tickets for the June 26th pizza and beer party have been going real strong; if this pattern continues, there will not be any tickets sold at the door (unless some of the sellers return them that evening, which hasn't happened too often).

At this time, the committee would like to thank all of the people who have supported its efforts in the past and hopes that they will continue to be supportive in the future. The committee would also like to say thank you to *The Agawam Advertiser News*, *The West Springfield Record*, and the Dante Club for their cooperation.

All monies made will be taken to New Castle, Pennsylvania, and turned over to the Scleroderma International Foundation for research in October of 1996 at the annual dinner meeting. This year, there will be five committee members who will present the check to the foundation for research (the committee also hopes this will be a sell-out).

If anyone is in need of tickets, they can contact Gubby Borgatti at 786-2834, or Tom Frasco at the Agawam Country Club, 786-2194.

Moore's Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie J. Moore, Jr. of Agawam celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 15th at a dinner party hosted by their daughter, Judith Ann Moore and son, Les Moore III, his wife, and children. The event was held at Storowton Tavern on the grounds of The Big E.

Among the guests of family and friends included Shirley Balboni Harrison, who served Mrs. Moore as her maid of honor, and Jean Demarais Brusseau, who was bridesmaid. Another guest, Lorraine Royer, had attended the wedding 50 years ago.

The couple were married June 15, 1946 at the Immaculate Conception Church Rectory in West Springfield with a reception held at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Moore were raised and educated in Agawam, are graduates of the Agawam High School and have made their home in town since their marriage.

Mrs. Moore is the former Rita Gallagher.



MR. & MRS. LESLIE J. MOORE, JR., pictured on their wedding day on the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House on June 15th, 1946.

Andrea Mokrzycki Promoted By Zoo Soc.

The Forest Park Zoological Society has announced the promotion of Andrea Mokrzycki to the position of Business Manager.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Society, noted that, "Andrea has done a superb job as Executive Assistant. She is most deserving of the promotion which reflects her many growing responsibilities."

Andrea and her husband, Jim, reside with their two children in Feeding Hills.

The Zoo In Forest Park is growing rapidly. For information about the Zoo, including volunteer opportunities as well as its membership and animal adoption programs, call 733-2251.

Town Spelling Bee To Be Shown On Cable TV June 21st & 28th

Students and families may wish to watch the May 17, 1996 "Town Spelling Bee," which will be aired on cable access Channel 5 at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21st, and at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28th.

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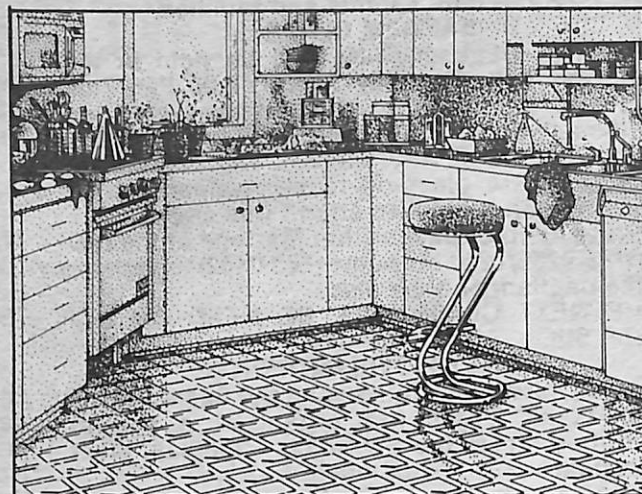
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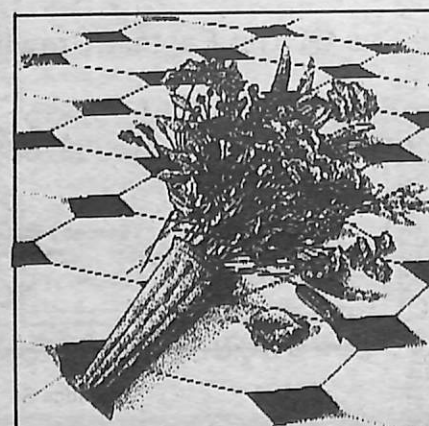


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Church News

News & Activities Announced At Sacred Heart Church

Please welcome into Sacred Heart Church Parish Family those who were recently baptized into the faith. They are **Cobus Robert Saegaert, Matthew Arthur Christian, Benajamin James Dussault, and Nathan Taylor Whitehead.** Congratulations to their parents and families.

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Class will be held in the church on **Saturday, July 13th at 6:00 PM.** This class is for parents who are about to have a child and those who will have their child baptized during the months of **July, August, and September.** Those who are planning to be **Godparents** for these children must also attend this class.

Please contact **Deacon Jim Martone** at the rectory (786-8200) or at his home (786-0152) to register for the baptism and the class.

THE NEXT CLASS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5th.

DISNEY MOVIE MORNING

For the third consecutive year, the Sacred Heart Family/Youth Group has organized a special movie morning at the **Showcase Cinemas, West Springfield.**

This year's feature is **The Hunchback of Notre Dame.** **THIS EVENT IS FOR EVERYONE!** Our special showing will take place on **Wednesday, June 26th at 9:00 a.m.** **Reservations are required** and can be made by calling either **Beth (786-0158)** or **Alma (786-9835)** no later than **Sunday, June 23rd.**

The cost per person is **\$4.** Remember to make your reservation early and bring a friend.

The **Family/Youth Group** is once again hoping to make this another huge success and we hope your families will all be part of this special morning.

JUNE/JULY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

June 24th: Cook-Out, Parish Center, 5:00 p.m., Cost \$1. RSVP by June 23rd at noon.

July 7th: Meeting/Outdoor Fun, Parish Center, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

July 9th: Golfing, Sand Trap, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Meet at the Center. Cost, \$10.

July 13th: Car Wash, Parish Center, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

July 19th: Stanley Park, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Picnic Lunch. RSVP by July 18th.

July 24th-27th: Camping, Holy Cross, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Cost: \$25.

VOLUNTEER

A parishioner of Sacred Heart is looking for a ride to Mass on the weekends. Is able to attend the 4:00, 9:00, or 11:00 Mass. This would be in the Springfield Street area.

If you are able to help, please call Sr. Eileen at 786-8200.

St. John's Church Events Calendar

Anyone interested in serving the St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Family in the role of Altar Server is asked to call the office. We will begin training during the summer.

We are looking for people of *all ages.* Children who are interested must have completed the third grade by the end of this school year. Please call the office at 786-8105 by **July 1st.**

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ST. JOHN'S OVER 60 GROUP

Is taking reservations for the New York City Ballet at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Thursday, July 25, 1998. Anyone from the parish or friends may join us. Lunch is included, with the Ballet. Cost is \$55. If interested, please call Lil at 786-9586.

TANGLEWOOD

Special concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, featuring an all Beethoven Program. The date is Sunday, August 18 at 2:30 p.m. Lawn seats are available. The cost, including the bus, is \$23. No meal is included, but we will make a stop on the way. If interested, please call Lil at 786-9586.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE DINNER

Will be held on Thursday, June 27th. If your name should be included for your volunteer service to our parish and you have not received your invitation yet, please contact Lorraine

Maniscalchi at 786-4149.

ST. JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

We are on Summer vacation from our regular schedule. We will meet over the Summer for several field trips. Please call Arlene at 786-0659 if you would like a Summer schedule. We hope you will join us for some Summer fun!

BIBLE CAMP NEWS

We are quickly getting to the starting date for our Summer Bible Camp for 4-8 year-olds. If you want your child to attend our fun-filled week (July 8th-12th), please stop in to the Rectory Office to register. The registrations will close on June 24th, so don't be disappointed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Families who have not yet signed up for the 1996-1997 program may do so in the Rectory Office during regular hours. If you have a child entering first grade, please stop in to register these students also.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the newly elected Parish Council Members. They are **Pat Dreniak, Donna Klisiewicz, James Ransom, William Sullivan, and Colleen Tourville.**

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following couples who have recently completed their five-week Marriage Preparation Program:

Jon Saskam & Jeannine Barry; Christopher Howard & Deborah Hawkins; Beth Courture & Robert Smith; Dana Norris & Michelle Stevens; Peter Sibilia & Dina Tessicini; David Robinson & Nancy Veilleux; Bill Moccio & Kim Hodges.

Events Calendar From First Baptist Church

The sermon topic this week, "Of Horses and Carts," will be given at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at the First Baptist Church. Pastor Richard Barnes will use 1 John 4: 7-21 as the scriptural text for this message.

Following worship, coffee and conversation will be enjoyed in Davis Hall.

During these summer months until September, all children are invited to attend Children's Church from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Our calendar this week includes:

Sunday, June 23rd: 7:00 p.m., Board of Deacons meet in Lockhart Parlor.

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Tuesday, June 25th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class meeting in lower Bodurtha Hall; 4:30 p.m., our church people serve at the Springfield Loaves & Fishes (meals for the homeless).

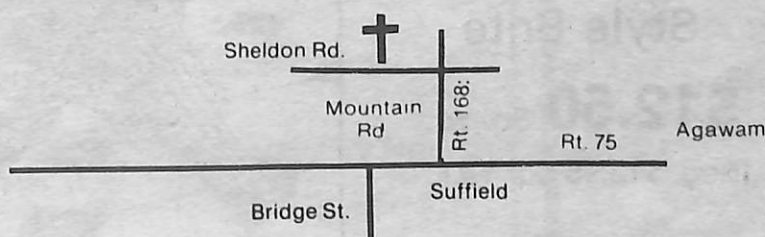
Wednesday, June 26th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 7:00 p.m., Miniature Golf for all ages (all will meet at the church before proceeding to the course).

Thursday, June 27th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics in lower Bodurtha Hall; 7:00 p.m., Worship Service in the air-conditioned Sanctuary (this service is geared for those who may be away on a Sunday and wish to attend a service; however, all are invited to attend this less formal worship service).



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Church News - continued...

News And Notes From
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

This Sunday, June 23rd, is Music Sunday. The adult choir will delight us musically with some new music as well as some "greatest hits" they've sung for us before.

Our church will also celebrate the confirmation of Shelley Rose and Ryan White during this service. Come and welcome them into our church family!

Children are welcome to attend church with their parents, leaving at the designated time for a planned activity; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Please note that the Council will not meet during the month of July, but will meet next on Monday, August 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the church on the following days: Sunday, June 30th, Sunday, July 14th, and Saturday and Sunday, August 17th and 18th.

There will be all sorts of activities planned for both the young and not-so-young! Included this year will be an outdoor hike, sleep-over at the church, and an outdoor morning worship service. Please use the sign-up sheets in Griswold Hall if you plan on enjoying the fun (or helping to provide it!).

If you have any questions, call Melinda, 789-1463, or Kathy, 1-413-548-2417, or speak to any member of the Board of Christian Education.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, June 23rd: 10:00 a.m., Music Sunday and Confirmation; 5:00 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

Tuesday, June 25th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Thursday, June 27th: 5:30 p.m., Volleyball.

Friday, June 28th: Rev. Donaldson's day off.

Pack 85 Scouts Earn
"Light Of Christ"

Jason Polek and Christopher Cross of Cub Scout Pack 85 from Agawam United Methodist Church are the first from their pack to earn the new "Light of Christ" medals.

The "Light of Christ" medal is a religious medal similar to "Parvuli Dei," but for younger boys. "Parvuli Dei" is for Cub Scouts and Webelos that have made their First Communion.

"Light of Christ" is for Tiger Cubs. Tiger Cubs are in first grade. The boys enjoyed the ceremony and were inspired by the older scouts from Pack 75 to earn their "Parvuli Dei" when they become a little older.

Happy
Sweet 16,
Andrea
(June 21st)

Love,
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Getting To Know You...Images Of God



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will be holding its Vacation Bible School July 29th to August 2nd at the church. Many attended the first planning meeting held on May 29th, including, from left - Reverend Curt Fuller, Lois Ruby, Allison Ruby, Allison Humes, Jane Humes, Scott Humes, Nicholas Tapply, Susan Tapply, Anne Gohn, Lukas Buiso, and Lisa Buiso. Anyone interested in enrolling their child in Bible Camp should call the church at 786-7111 for more information. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Summer Worship Service On June 23rd
To Take Form Of Song At United Methodist

The 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship Service on Sunday, June 23rd, at Agawam United Methodist Church will take the form of song and praise. A children's storytime will also take place during the worship hour.

This service is an opportunity for families to be together as they share the joys and fellowship of worship.

The Methodist Churches in the New England

Conference ended the Annual Session of the Conference on a very high note, when 20 candidates were ordained to the ministry of the Christian Church to be specifically active through the services of the United Methodist Church.

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Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 23rd, is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, and the Summer Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This Sunday, Rev. Jon Tetherly, Chaplain of the Hampden County Jail, will be the Guest Preacher. Rev. Tetherly has worked at the jail for almost a decade.

He is the former pastor of the Christ Community Church, United Church of Christ in Chicopee, and a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and Andover Newton Theological School.

The Summer Youth Church, "Kids For Character," continues. This program is a series devoted to instructing children in developing their character, values, and ethics.

This week, the theme will be "Respect." The teacher of this week's series is Steve Tapply. The series will be adapted to support these themes from a Biblical perspective.

The program will run through Sunday, August 25th.

An inter-church teen dance will be held on Friday, June 21st, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Junior High and Senior High dance will have Chuck Malloy as D.J. and "The Doug Nooney Band."

There is a \$3 charge (\$2.50 with a canned good for the Open Pantry). Refreshments will be available.

There will be a no re-entry policy in effect.

The Vacation Bible Camp, "Images Of God," will be held July 29th through August 2nd from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Ages two through the sixth grade are welcome.

Please register early or by July 15th by calling the church office at 786-7111. Cost is \$5 per child (\$10 maximum per family).

There will be a Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of camp, August 2nd, at the church. Canned goods for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will be collected at the Potluck Supper.

Calendar Of Events At St. David's Church

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST in worship services June 22nd-23rd.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service at 5:00 p.m. and a dignified, traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the church building, 522 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The exuberant renewal service at 10:00 a.m. is held at the Agawam Middle School and features a Summer Sunday School program for those in grades K-4. There is also nursery care for smaller children, and the service is interpreted for the deaf.

This week's services will focus on God the Holy Spirit, and will feature a sermon by the Rev. Cal Fox, member of St. David's. St. David's welcomes visitors at all of its worship services.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM CONTINUES through the summer, with a "one-room schoolhouse" program for all ages, taught by volunteer adults utilizing exciting Christian videos.

THE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP OF ST. DAVID'S for those in grades 5-8, will take its Annual Retreat to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard this Friday and Saturday, June 21st-22nd.

THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP OF ST. DAVID'S, for those in grades 9-12, will also go on retreat to the Creation Music Festival in Pennsylvania through the long weekend of Thursday through Sunday, the 27th through the 30th.

BETSY COWAN AND ERIK TURNBERG, youth members of the parish, will be commissioned at the 10:00 a.m. service for summer missionary service. Betsy will be spending the summer in Poland with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and Erik will be serving in the Episcopal Diocese of

Honduras.

Further information about St. David's varied youth programs may be obtained by contacting the Parish Office at 786-6133.

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN FOR OUR NEW FACILITY, to be located at 697 Springfield Street. The public is welcome to join us in being "sidewalk superintendents," and we covet your prayers.

Also, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WE LAY THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NEW BUILDING** this Sunday, June 23rd, rain or shine, from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Our Mayor and Town Council President will be in attendance, as will two former bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Come celebrate this milestone with us!

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC to be held this Sunday, June 23rd, at the Perry Lane Park in Agawam, from 1:00 p.m. to dusk. The various recreation areas will be open, including the pool.

THE MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE FOR ST. DAVID'S CHURCH will be held this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church building, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, and will feature singing, a message from Scripture, congregational prayer, and opportunity to receive private prayer at the Altar Rail. Contact the parish office for further information.

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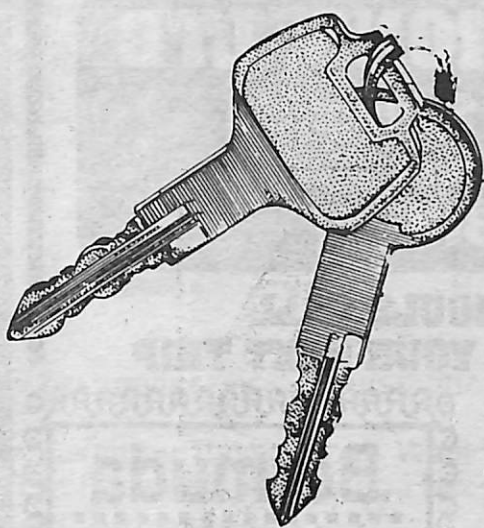
DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES from St. David's Church have been preparing for the upcoming election of a new bishop, to be held in Springfield on Saturday, June 29th. They have been taking comments and suggestions from members and from others interested in this new leader.

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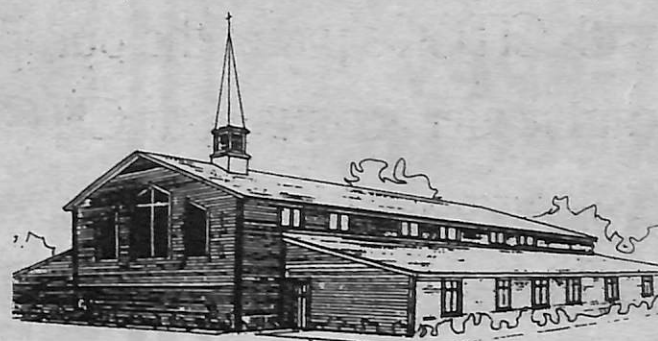
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A LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHORUS and the reigning Miss Agawam were part of Riverside Park's “Friends In Harmony” presentation of “Showing Off For Dad” on Sunday, June 17th, at Riverside Park.



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A thorough professional examination of the home's condition should be conducted prior to the final purchase of the property. A home inspector is best qualified to make a detailed inspection of your home and identify any major defects.

In addition to investigating all of the individual rooms for any structural problems, an inspector will also check the home's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, plumbing, electrical wiring, roof, chimney, foundation, and walk-ways.

A good home inspector will deliver a cost estimate for defects and recommend repair or replacement for items that can become major problems in the future.

Many real estate companies have a list of inspectors which offer professional inspections that you can choose from. Most home inspectors base their fees according to the size of the property. A condominium, for example, usually costs less to inspect than a large single family home or multifamily home.

Your new home should be a comfortable environment which can meet your needs for many years, and possibly yield an investment return when you are ready for resale. Therefore, your initial inspection and a professional home inspector's review are worth the time and expense in making your final home purchase decision.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Agawam, MA, 413-789-7111.)

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Charlie Alvanos Receives "Master Advisor" Award

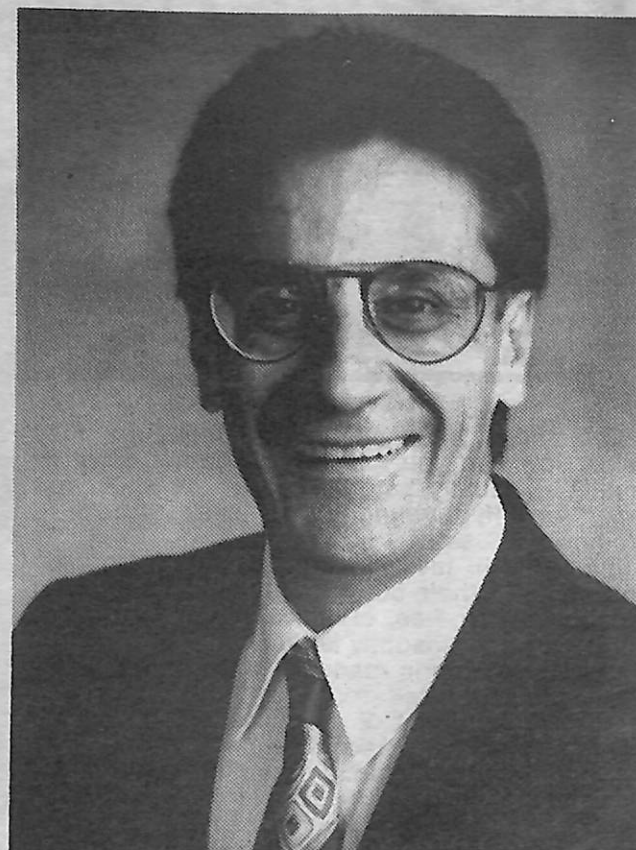
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Medical West Asso. Expanding Delivery Of Pediatric Services

Medical West Associates' (MWA) Pediatric Department is expanding its role in Developmental Medicine by providing services to clients in Hampden County on a fee-for-service basis.

To introduce the program, a luncheon was recently held at the MWA health center in Springfield for the special needs directors of area school systems. Drs. Lydia Sarro and Dennis Rosen, MWA's pediatric developmental specialists, were on hand to explain key elements of the program and to introduce staff members.

Dr. Rosen has recently initiated a parent training program to help families advocate for children with learning disorders, such as ADHD. The series provides speakers and offers support and outreach to assist in coordinating community services with educators and mental health providers when needed.

Fran Taylor Joins Longmeadow Office Of Stearns & Yerrall

George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall, Inc. Realtors is pleased to announce that Fran Taylor has joined the Longmeadow office of Stearns & Yerrall, Inc. Realtors.

Fran received a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts where she graduated Cum Laude and she received her Master's in Science degree in Quantitative Psychology from Perdue University. Fran also holds the designations of CLU (Charter Life Underwriter) and FLMI (Fellow, Life Office Management Institute).

Ms. Taylor is a member of the Midwestern Psychological Society, Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, and Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club.

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Oftentimes when people first meet me, they ask, "How can you adjust somebody, you're so small?" I usually say, "Here, let me show you how." As with anything, it's not what you have — it's how you use it!

It's the skill involved in positioning a person and utilizing their body weight and position to result in a pain-free, effective adjustment. Also, my personal philosophy is that since over 80 percent of the body is made up of muscles, these should be addressed prior to an adjustment. So I tend to focus some of my time on relaxing the tight muscles that attach to the spine.

I find that after I work on the muscles and trigger points (which are muscle spasms within the musculature), the joint that is fixated or not moving properly moves very easily with a gentle adjustment. This results in a manipulation that makes everybody happy — including myself!

It's important if you have received a lot of muscle work or massage to drink plenty of water. This flushes the toxins released from the trigger points out of the bloodstream.

Some people ask what to do right after an adjustment. Questions asked are, "Should I rest? Should I stretch? Should I work out?" This varies per individual.

Some love to be active after an adjustment; some like to rest. I recommend being aware of your body to see what is best for you.

However, some conditions may need some specific instructions. Your chiropractor will be able to inform you what is best for you.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Exercising Outdoors...

Some Tips To Make It A Safe Summer (Part I)

by Barb Vinciguerra, MS
Assistant General Manager
Fitness First Health and Fitness Center

With summer approaching, many individuals are taking to outdoors for their exercise regimen. With this past winter and spring that we've had, who can blame anyone for wanting to be outside?

As inviting as it might seem to take your exercise program outdoors, there are some precautions you should take to reduce the potential risk of injury that the outdoor environment may predispose you to.

Thousands of people are injured each summer — running, biking, or swimming. Let me share with you some safety tips for exercising outdoors this summer.

One of the most popular summertime activities in cycling. Did you know that each year there are about 1,000 cycling deaths in the United States? Head injuries account for 85 percent of those deaths.

Here are some safety tips from the National Safety Council and the Bicycle Federation of America to help make your cycling adventures safe:

- Wear a helmet. Don't just purchase any

helmet, however; look for one that has a seal of approval by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI); the Snell Memorial Foundation; or the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

- Wear bright clothing to make yourself more visible.

- Ride with the traffic. Drivers expect you to follow the same rule they do.

- When riding at night, use a headlight and taillight, preferably halogen. The headlight should be visible from 500 feet. The rear light should be visible from 600 feet.

- Make sure your bike is equipped with front, side, rear, and pedal reflectors, which are now required by law on new bikes.

- If you are riding a bike with a child seat attached, use caution. Many child seats are not safe. Make sure that your children are wearing a helmet that is approved by the AAP.

Next week, I will discuss safety issues concerned with running and swimming, and also some tips for exercising in the heat. Until then, be safe!

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Summer 1996

Monday, July 8th: **Registration And Introduction**

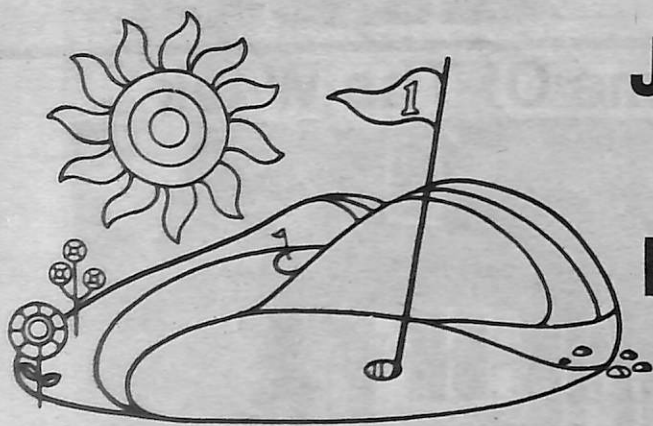
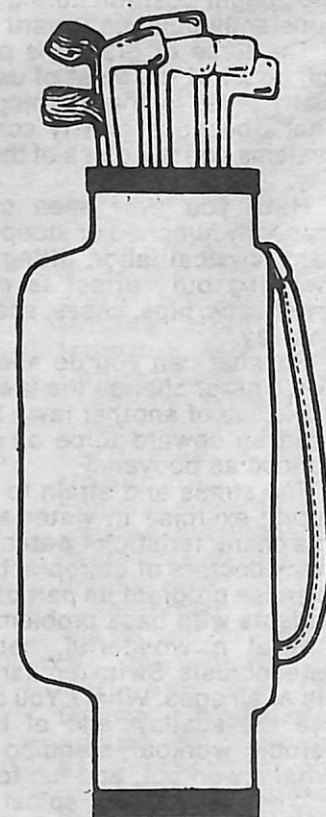
Thursday, July 11th: **Grip, Stance, And Introduction To Swing**

Monday, July 15th: **Body Coil**

Thursday, July 18th: **Weight Transfer**

Monday, July 22nd: **Chipping And Putting**

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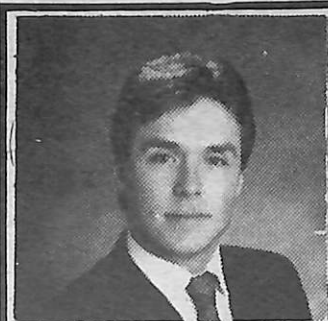
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For Your Health - continued...



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph
S. Schlaffer
Schlaffer
Chiropractic Offices
192 Shoemaker Lane
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While working with patients who have spine-related problems, I am often asked about appropriate exercises that can be done to help their problem.

Take advantage of the summer season and do as much swimming as you possibly can. This form of exercise ranks as number one when it comes to overall conditioning.

A considerable portion of our lives is spent in the upright position during work and play. Gravity constantly pulls us toward the earth.

The force of gravity is powerful and takes its toll on all of us. Most of us know that we are actually taller in the morning than in the evening. That's because gravity compresses our skeletal systems and the discs of the spine throughout the day.

Have you ever seen someone who is permanently hunched or stooped over due to years of hard physical labor, lifting, and/or bending? The "wearing out" effect is more prevalent in the lower back, hips, knees, and feet. It is quite visible on x-ray.

So what can you do about the law of gravity? You'll never change the law of gravity, so why not make use of another law? The power of a fluid to exert an upward force on a body placed in it is defined as buoyancy.

The stress and strain to the joints of the body during exercise in water are greatly reduced by this characteristic of water. It is no wonder that so many doctors of chiropractic recommend a water exercise program as part of a recovery process in patients with back problems.

What a wonderful, natural way to combat osteoporosis. Swim regularly! This applies to people of all ages. What? You can't swim! That's OK; use the shallow end of the pool and do your aerobic workout standing in waist-deep water. What a workout, and fun too!

When you have a spinal problem, whether the neck, mid-back, or the low back is involved, it is wise to keep one thing in mind before you begin your water exercise program. Spine problems often become worse with exercise. Be sure your spinal column is structurally sound before starting. Have a doctor of chiropractic check your spine if you have problems.

If symptoms arise following exercise, a chiropractic examination is a must.

Once the spine is properly aligned, my advice is to find a place to swim and then do so on a regular basis. You can't beat this activity for overall muscle conditioning, especially those muscles that surround and support your spine.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

What To Eat For Healthy Hair

Poor health is usually reflected by our hair. Hair that is weak, dry, and lacks luster means we're eating poorly, under stress, not getting enough rest, or all three. The good news is most hair problems can be corrected by changing lifestyle.

Hair grows an average of one-half inch a month and we may lose up to 100 hairs a day. A diet high in refined foods will leave your hair hungry for nutrients.

Healthy hair needs minerals like iron, zinc, magnesium, boron and selenium. You'll find these minerals in legumes like kidney beans and whole grains. So eat brown rice, 100-percent whole grain breads, whole wheat pasta, and bran cereals. Avoid white flour and other refined grains that lack trace minerals.

Hair requires vitamins, too. Too little vitamins can make your scalp flaky. Eat too little vitamin C and your hair may split and break more easily. Fill up on vitamins A and C by eating at least five fruits and/or vegetables a day.

If you cut back on fat, don't go too low. Fat is essential for hair. Too little fat will leave your hair dry, dull, and thin in just three months. Eat some healthy foods like fatty fish, olives, nuts, and peanut butter. Cook with a little olive oil or take some flax seed oil.

Your brain sees hair as a non-essential part of the body. If you are poorly nourished, your hair is the first to get the "shaft."

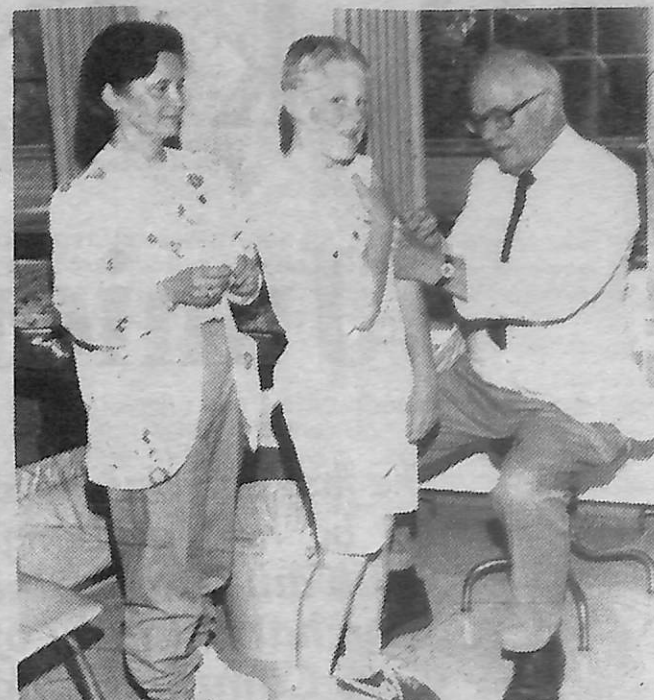
St. Jude Bike Ride
At Robinson State Park
On Sunday, June 23rd

A bike ride to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held at Robinson State Park on Sunday, June 23rd beginning at 9:00 a.m.

All ages welcome. Walkers, joggers, and roller bladers are also welcome. Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

For further information or to receive a pledge sheet, please contact Diane Hajdamowicz at 786-1487.

Getting A Good Shot



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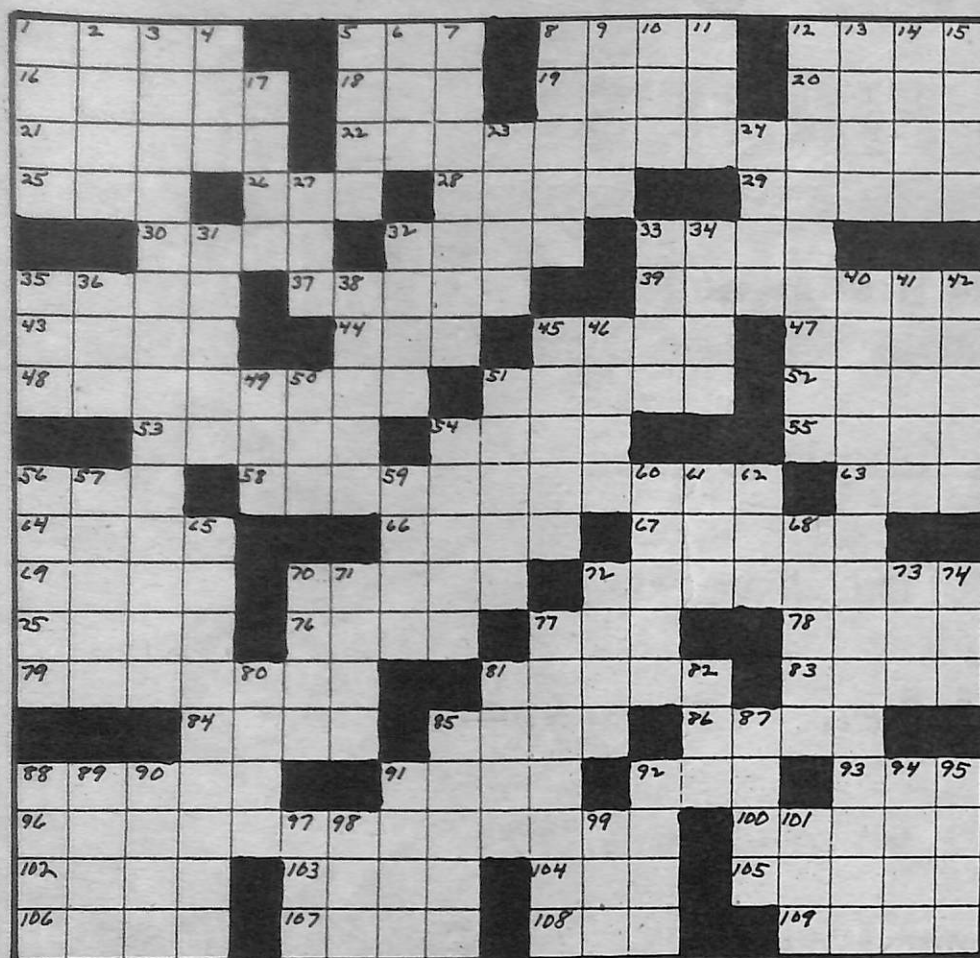
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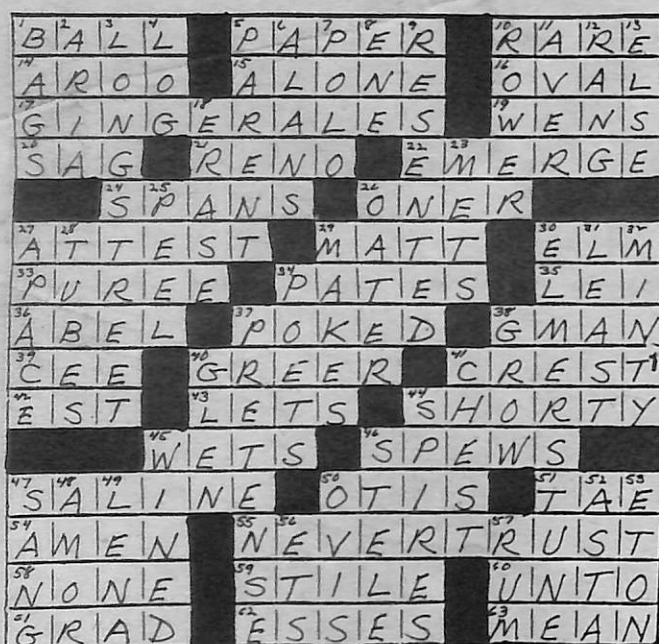


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MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni



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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

Published: June 20, 1996

Concerts
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The Agawam Cultural Council, through funds from the Mass. Arts Council, will again sponsor four concerts during July and August at the Veterans' Green in front of the Phelps Elementary School on Main Street in Agawam Center.

The first concert will feature the New England Brass Quartet, who will perform on Friday evening, July 12th, at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and will be held at the outdoor pavilion (weather permitting), or in the school auditorium in the event of rain.

The New England Brass Quartet features John Smialek and Brooks Holmes on trumpet with Ken Longstreeth and Stephen Glover on trombone. They have performed together throughout New England since 1976 as well as numerous appearances in the Springfield area.

Additional concerts will be held on Wednesday, July 24th with Ted Wirt and his Jazz Quintet; Wednesday, August 7th, featuring the Yankee Notions; and finally, on Wednesday, August 21st, with the Valley Jazz Ensemble.

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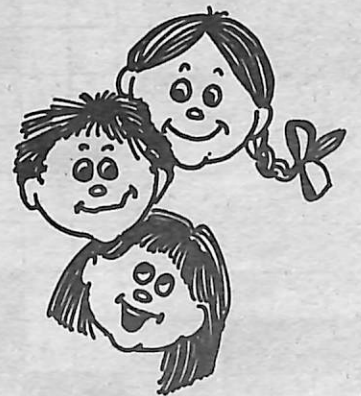
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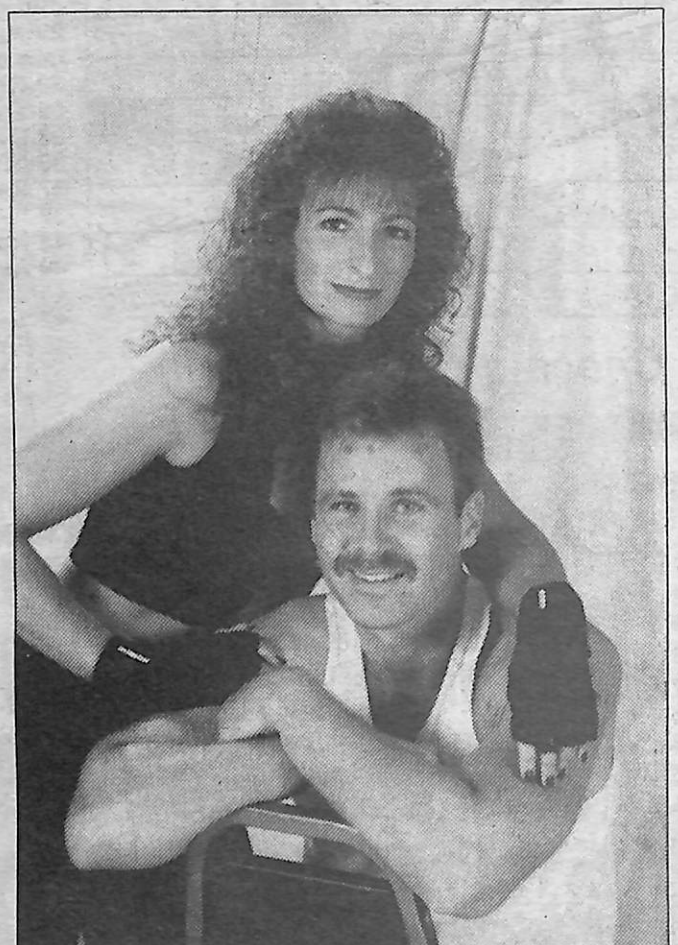
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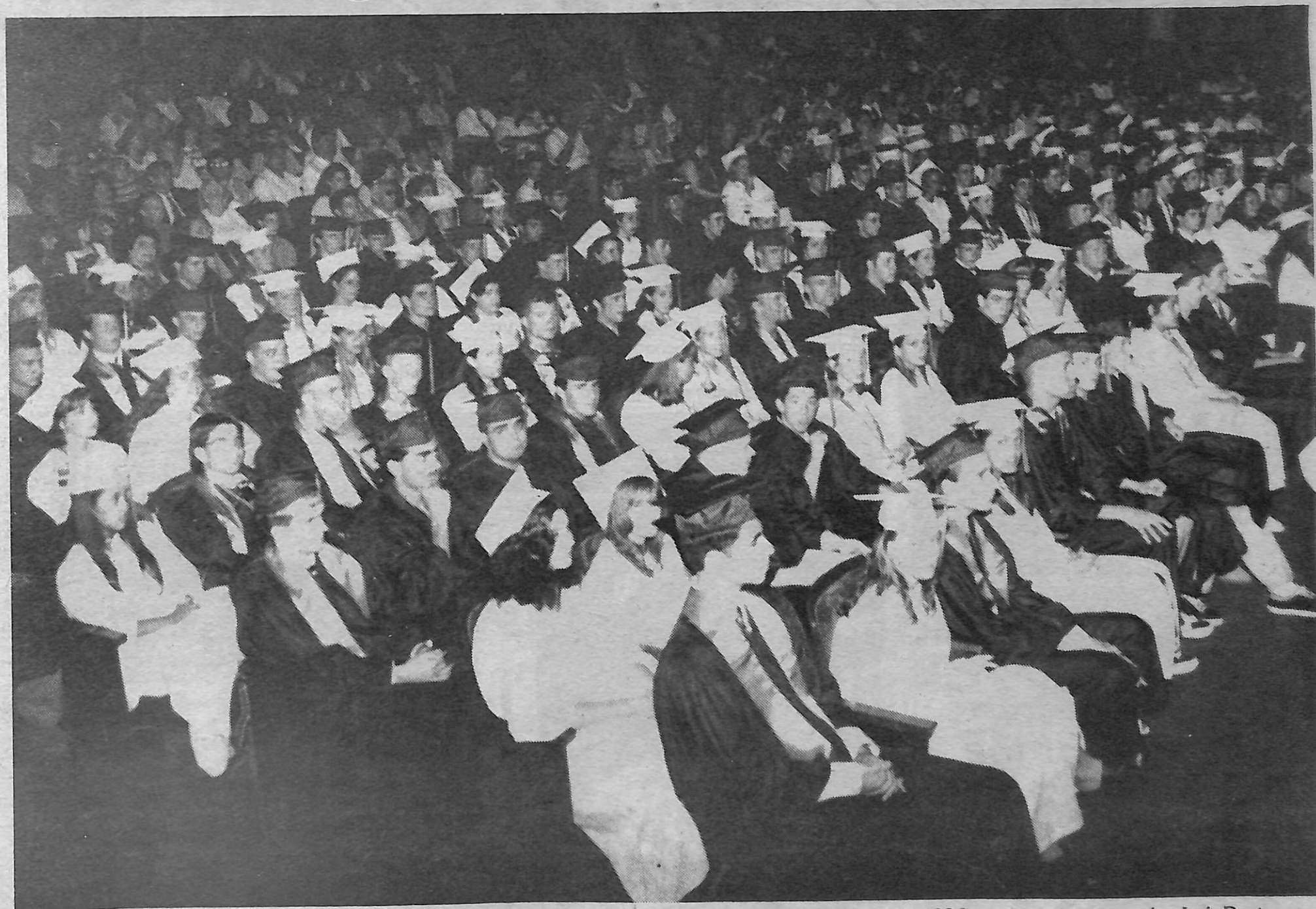
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Class Of 1996

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June 9th, 1996

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All photos of Agawam High School's 1996 commencement are by Jack Devine.



Graduation 1996 - continued...

"Solidarity" Distinguishes Agawam High's Class Of 1996

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It may have been the only time in history that a class president had the absolutely unqualified agreement of each and every one of his constituents.

Standing at the podium on the stage at Springfield Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 9th, Senior Class President Alfred Albano told his classmates they were the greatest class ever to have walked the hallowed halls of Agawam High School.

Albano said the class was unique in their loyalty and solidarity with each other.

"We have never been divided into factions or groups ... We have laughed together. We have cried together. We have parted together," Albano told the cheering crowd as he swept them along on a trip through the memories they've shared over the last four years.

Principal Joseph Zabielski bade farewell to the last class he will have known as a teacher, quoting philosophers, rock star Tom Petty, and graduating senior Andy Markowski.

Zabielski told the class their moment of achievement, their graduation, signaled the end of their childhood and their entry into the adult world.

"Kiss your childhood good-bye. You're expected to be different now. You know it's time and I know it's time," Zabielski said.

Before sending his former charges out into the

"great wide open," Zabielski left them with three pieces of advice. Respect your mind and body — don't become your own worst enemy. Accept and respect other people. Do something to make the place, wherever that place is, better."

Addressing a graduating class for the last time as a school superintendent, Bernard F. Ryder said they were capable of doing more than they thought and urged them to take new challenges and rise above them. "You can do it," Ryder said.

Before presenting the class of graduates to their families and friends for the first time, School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson urged, "Set your goals high and reach for your dreams."

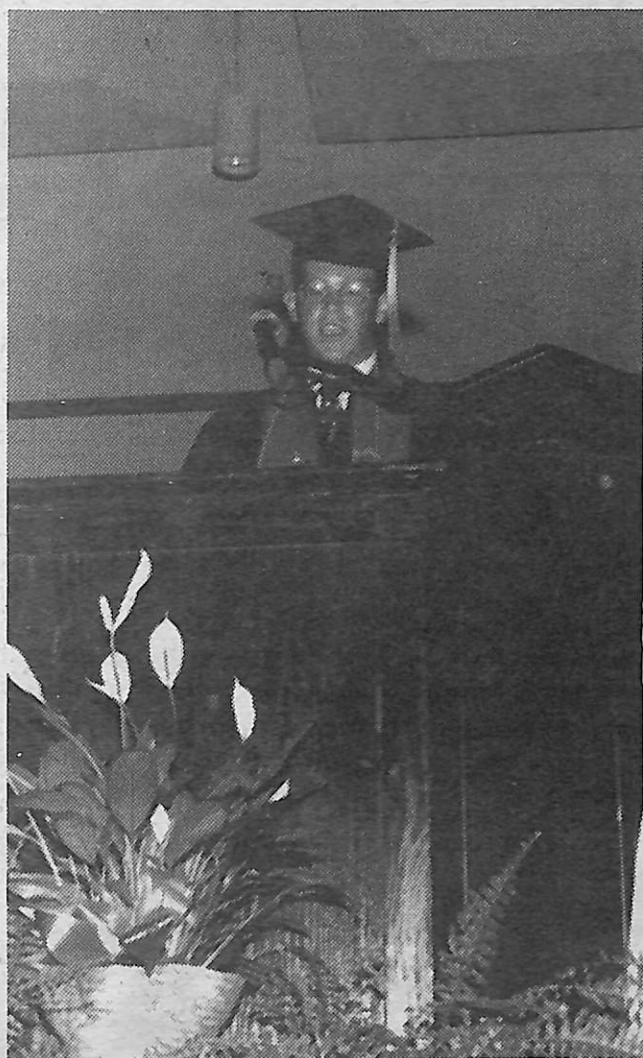
Assisting Johnson in handing out the diplomas were AHS Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo, Dean of Students Bernadette Conte, and members of the School Committee. AFS President Richard Sardella handed out the diplomas to five American Intercultural Program foreign exchange students.

Under the direction Stephen Files, the AHS Combined Chorus performed "Like An Eagle." Amy Wisniewski was the piano accompanist.

The AHS Concert Band performed the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" under the direction of Tamara Watson. Student Director Justin Casinghino left his classmates in the audience to take over the baton to conduct "Jubilations."



Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski addressed the graduating class of 1996 at the commencement ceremony at Springfield Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 9th.



Alfred Albano, the Senior Class President, proudly proclaimed that his fellow classmates were "unique in their loyalty and solidarity" and that the class of 1996 was "the greatest class ever to have walked the hallowed halls of Agawam High School."

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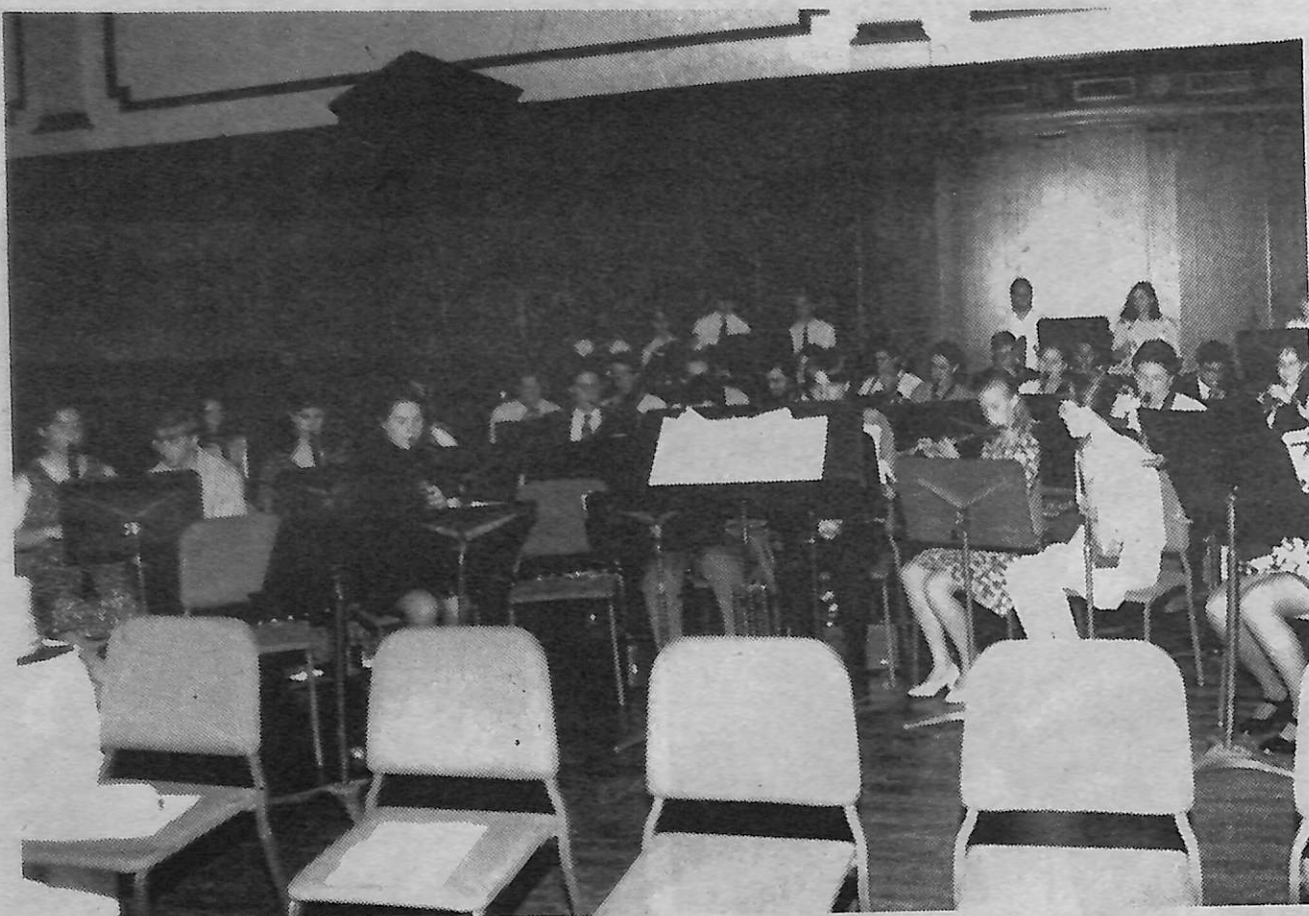
Representatives of the Agawam school system: Rita Reshamwala (student representative to the School Committee), School Committee members Linda Galameau, Louis Massola, Jr., Roberta Doering, Susan Pettazzoni, Vice-Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski, Chairman/Mayor Christopher Johnson, and retiring Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder.



Among the presenters and invited guests: Bernadette Conte, Dean of Students; Paul Cavallo, Deputy Principal; Donald Charest, Associate Superintendent of Schools; Nancy Thompson, Town Council President; Christian Quatrone, Town Councilor; State Representative Daniel Keenan; and Richard Sardella, Editor/Publisher of The Agawam Advertiser News.



Graduation 1996 - continued...



The Agawam High School Concert Band, led by band director Tamara Watson and student conductor Justin Casinghino, performed "Jubilations" by Jared Spears at Agawam High School's commencement ceremony.



The Agawam High School Combined Chorus, led by director Stephen Files, performed "Like An Eagle" by Carl Strommen during the commencement ceremony. Amy Wisniewski served as the piano accompanist.

**To all the students, faculty, administrators,
and personnel of the Agawam School System—
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION!!!**

Dear Agawam High School Graduating Class of 1996:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness. Wishing you a healthy, happy and successful future.

**Sincerely,
Frances E. Messina
Advisor to the Class of 1996**

The Agawam High School Class Of 1996

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Nicole E. Campion, Elana Lynn Campurciani, &•Kelly S. Carmody, Alexander F. Carson, IV, &••Justin David Casinghino, •Lisa Marie Cassanelli, ••Christopher Michael Chechile, Heather A. Chichakly, *Robert Christian, Peter L. Christopher, &•Gina Marie Cincotta, &★•Jennifer Ann Clarke, ••Samantha Marie Collette, Timothy Charles Conklin, Bruce John Cortis, Justine Marie Craven, Jeff James Cressotti, Richard D. Cross, •Nancy D. Cuccovia, Marcos P. Damus, Keith William Daubmann, ••Adam Brian David, Jonathan F. David, ••Nicholas M. Davio, Christopher Day, Craig Calvert Day, &★•Christian M. DeBonville, &★•Kirsten Lea Decoteau, &•Susan Elaine DeFilipi, &•Jason Morgan DeGray, Stephen DeJoinville, Dave John Dello Russo, ••Mary Ann DeMaio, David J. Demers, ••Jason E. Devine, Eliann Michelle Dickinson, ••Michael Joseph Domaingue, •Timothy Stanley Drenzek, &★•Christy Anne Dubay.

Jason K. Ellsworth, Janell Erskine, Cara-Ann Fattini, Kimberly Anne Faust, ••Sabrina Ann Ferrari, Anthony Patrick Fillion, Tara Lynn Fiorini, &•Melissa Marie Fleming, Carolina M. Florez, ★•Nathan Allan Frailey, &•Thomas Arthur Gage, ★•Jeffrey Daniel Gaylor, &★•Elizabeth Anne Gervais, Carla Ghareeb, Kevin D. Ghareeb, Christina M.

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Senior Class Officers Daniel Viens (Treasurer), Alfred Albano (President), Rebecca Wing (Vice-President), and Jason Reed (Secretary) presented a gift to their advisor, Frances Messina.



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GRADUATES - from Page 31...

Gibson, Michelle Lee Giguere, Chad Edward Gilbert, ★•Jennifer Cosette Giroux, Emily J. Gomez, &★•T.J. Gontczaruk, ✓•Matthew R. Gordon, ●•Gerry Gosselin, Christine L. Grimaldi, ★•Matthew Grych, Marc R. Guillemette, ●•Melanie Ann Guillemette, ●•Jeffrey Johnson Harlin, Matthew A. Harrington, ●•Alisa Michelle Harvey, Ryan Joseph Hedges, ★•Karen A. Hershowitz, &★•John Earl Higgins, III, John Arthur Hill, Eric M. Hollander, William R. Hoskin, ●•Daniel A. Houle, Leilah Hurd, &•Courtne Marie Hyland.

Andrew Joseph Ingham, Jason J. Ingham, Tracie Ann Jacapraro, ●•Jonathan Daniel Jacobsen, ●•Eric Mark Johnson, Michael James Johnson, Carolina Jurado, Bounchanh Kheumun, Brian T. Kiddy, Karrie Ann King, Gingkaew Klaewvigkrum, ●•Jennifer Annette Kratovil, ●•Phong La, ✓&★•Danielle Marie LaBarre, ★•Melissa Ann LaFlamme, Daniel Lancour, Meagan Christine Langevin, Kerri Lynn Lawrence, Timothy Joseph Lawrenchuk, ★•Andrea Dawn LeBlanc, Kamaris Nichelle Lessard, Ernest Edward Levesque, Kelly Anna Liard, Joshua Adam Lightcap, &●•Courtney Marie Limbert, &•Scott Michael Litchfield, Carrie Ann Lock, Michael J. Loguidice, Jared M. Longley, Lindsay L. Loomis.

&•Selena Marie Machia, Daniel Patrick Mackie, Gina M. Marcil, &•Andrew Edward Markowski, Michael J. Maslowski, David John Mason, ●•Christine Elizabeth Mazeika, David John McCarthy, ★•Kara Beth McDade, ★•David Paul McDougal, Doreen D. McEwan, ●•Elizabeth M. McGrew, ●•Melissa Ann Montagna, Meagan Moriarty, David Howard Murphy, ●•Melissa Jean Murphy, ●•Nathan Thomas Murray, Patrick C. Napoli, Rachel Ann Niemiec, Erin Lynn O'Neill, ✓•Adrienne Margaret O'Quinn, &•Rosemarie Oppedisano, ●•Jill Amy Osowski, Jeremy Pajer, Katherine Ann Paradysz, Derek Dahms Parker, &•Mary Concetta Parrotta, Jason W. Patrick, Daniel Joseph Pellegrino, Jason Robert Peloquin, ●•Michael Thomas Perry, Jr., Mike J. Pessolano, Heather Lynn Peterson, Danielle Leigh Petrangelo, *Thomas E. Petrowicz, Kristin Ann Pettazoni, Thomas J. Pierson, Domenick Joseph Pisano, Sarah Elizabeth Platanitis, Raymond Francis Pleva, III, James Clifford Pliska, Wesley Francis Powell, ●•Erica Anne Pratt, Katia M. Prolongeau.

●•Matthew Paul Radwanski, ●•Laura Anne Rapa, ●•Jason Michael Reed, Colleen Teresa Rego, ●•Alison Ann Reseigne, ●•Catherine Anne Reynolds, Christopher Alan Rheame, Ceciley Renee Rivest, Karyn Marie Robblee, ●•Michael Russell Robinson, ●•Jeffrey Michael Rousseau, Anthony Joseph Russo, ●•Cara C. Rust, Katarzyna Rutkowski, Jeffrey M. Santarre, Jessica N. Sassarone, ●•Kristin Michelle Scarlett, ●•Jamie Patrick Scherban, Jeffrey C. Sexton, ●•Jennifer Diane Seybold, Melissa Jean Sheehan, Jennifer Lynn Siana, ●•Keith Andrew Sidusky, Brendan Silk, Kristine Lynn Sisk, Kenneth Richard Smyth, Jennifer Marie Sparveri.

★ Maryann Jensine Spring, Jamie Lynn Sternowski, Justin Stoddard, ●•Kelly Jo Stoddard, *Jeremy D. Surreira, John Szramowski, Bryan John Szymczyk, ●•Jamie Cathryn Thomas, &●•Kristin Patricia Tierney, Gary Torosyan, Cindy M.

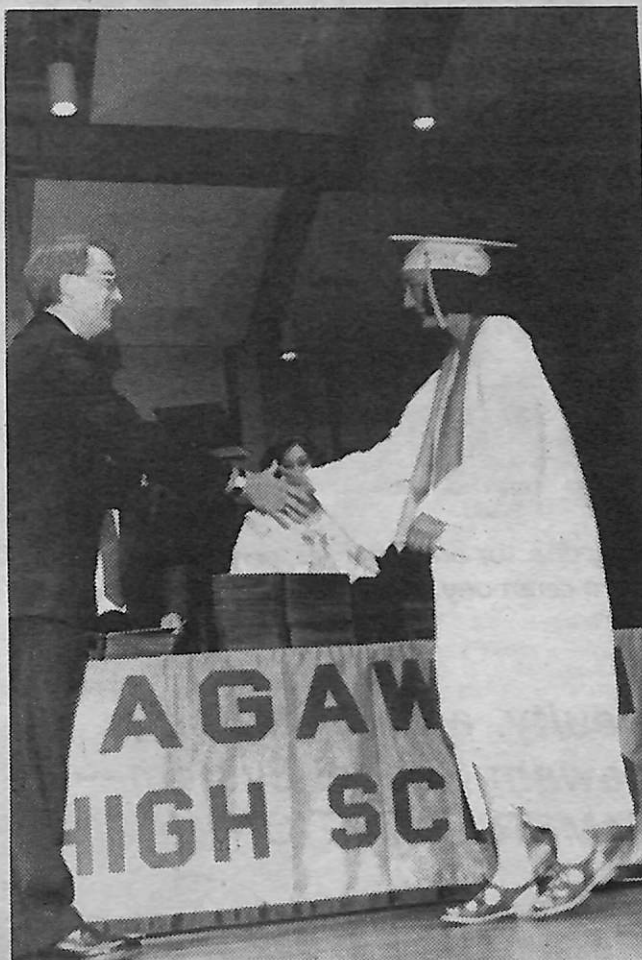
Moments To Remember For Advertiser News Staff Members...



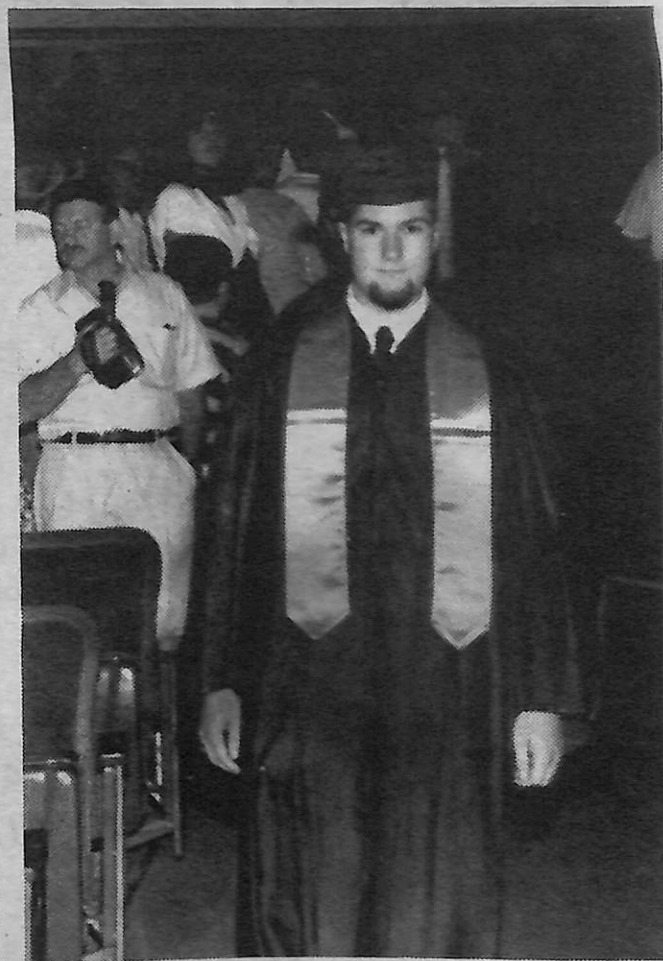
Joshua Lightcap receives his diploma and a handshake from Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Selena Machia receives her diploma from School Committee member Roberta Doering.



Lisa Cassanelli is congratulated by Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Jason Devine, nephew of Jack Devine, enters Symphony Hall during the commencement.

Turcotte, Marc Daniel Turgeon, Jennie Ruth Van Gys, &•Daniel Joseph Viens, Michael Craig Vinesett, Tracy Lee Wandrei, Erin Katherine Ward, Daniel C. Watson, Christopher E. Webster, Glenn G. Wegrzyn, ●•Nicole Ann Weinle, Carl Wesley, Jr., Neil R. White, ●•Rebecca Ann White, Steven M. Willett, Bernadette J. Williams, Catherine J. Willis, &•Rebecca Jean Wing, Dennis C. Winot, ●•Amy Karyn

Wisniewski, Daniel R. Yon, ●•Karla Marie Zambelli.

NOTE:

- National Honor Society
- Pro Merito
- ★ Renaissance
- * In Absentia
- & Quill & Scroll
- ✓ Peer Leadership



Graduation 1996 - continued...



KELLY CARMODY

AHS's "Val" & "Sal" Have A Lot In Common... Boston Common, That Is!

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For many graduating Agawam High seniors, the Commencement Exercises held Sunday, June 9th will be the last time they'll be seeing some of their classmates. No so for this year's top two grads, who could be bumping into each other on the Common, at the Hard Rock Cafe, or maybe at Tower Records.

Valedictorian **Kelly Carmody** and salutatorian **Selena Machia** will both be heading for the Greater Boston Area to begin their college careers.

Kelly plans to study engineering at Tufts University while Selena delves into romance languages at Boston College.

Although she's not sure where her career path will eventually lead, Kelly said, "I'm planning to get my bachelor's degree in engineering and then go on for a master's in business. Engineering is a tough course and employers know that."

With a minor in international studies, Selena is expecting her study of romance languages to open the doors to a career in the diplomatic field or in private industry abroad.

"I don't want to work just as a translator," Selena explained. "I'm going to concentrate on becoming fluent in a couple of languages so that I will be able to take a job in government or business in a foreign country. I enjoy studying different languages and cultures and this will give me many options."

In saying their farewells to their classmates and the experiences they've shared over the last four years at AHS, each spoke of the dreams of the past coming to an end and looked forward to the challenges of the future.

Exerpts from the salutatory address given by Selena Machia:

Kevin Costner isn't the only one with a field of dreams. An open cornfield separates my backyard from the front yard of one of my best friends. Over the past four years, we have worn down quite a path between those rows of short husks. When our conversations there began, it seemed like time was standing still. Now our tone seems to have changed. Unlike Kevin Costner, all that we have built on that land is a great friendship. And what has come now is a time to move on with our lives.

One of the last things that I confided to my friend is what I'll miss the most when I leave for college — the time I spend with my family. I might not have said this three or four years ago. That was a time when I would have reluc-

tantly settled for a night with the family. But this year I started to look forward to eating dinner out with my mom, my dad, and my brother Jeff every Friday. I also couldn't figure out why I began choosing to visit my aunt, uncle, and cousins rather than go out at night. It wasn't until I stopped wondering what was wrong with me that I realized what was right. I had stopped settling for spending time with my family, and started to really enjoy their company. Each of their faces is a mirror of the type of person I want to be. After all, they are the people who have made my dreams come true.

So, members of the class of 1996, our time is here. Some years from now, you can reflect on the place where you spent most of your time just as I can look back at the cornfield. It will be like a movie that you've already seen — you'll know how it ends. I hope that ending will be a happy one. Thank you.

Exerpts from the valedictory address given by Kelly Carmody:

Today we bid farewell to Agawam High. The dreams we once had of graduating have successfully come to an end. We are now looking forward to the future. In the words of U2, "We'll need new dreams tonight."

But before we pursue our new dreams, we must take a moment to reflect on the lessons we learned in high school. As Descartes once said, "It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well." Our education has impressed this principle upon us. By forcing ourselves to study, or to finish a project, we learned of the power of ourselves: the power that we have to focus our energies, and to create greatness.

This realized strength will greatly impact our futures. Within us all, is the ability to accomplish great things. Our class has already shown promise in many fields, ranging from the athletic to the artistic, and from the academic to the industrial. Self-confidence, courage, and determination will see us through the completion of our goals, and help us to forge great futures.

Self-defeat, however, is just as destructive as self-confidence is advantageous. You will achieve what you expect from yourself. As Henry Ford put it, "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." We shouldn't underestimate ourselves. The potential is in us. We must expect our own personal best, and accept nothing less.

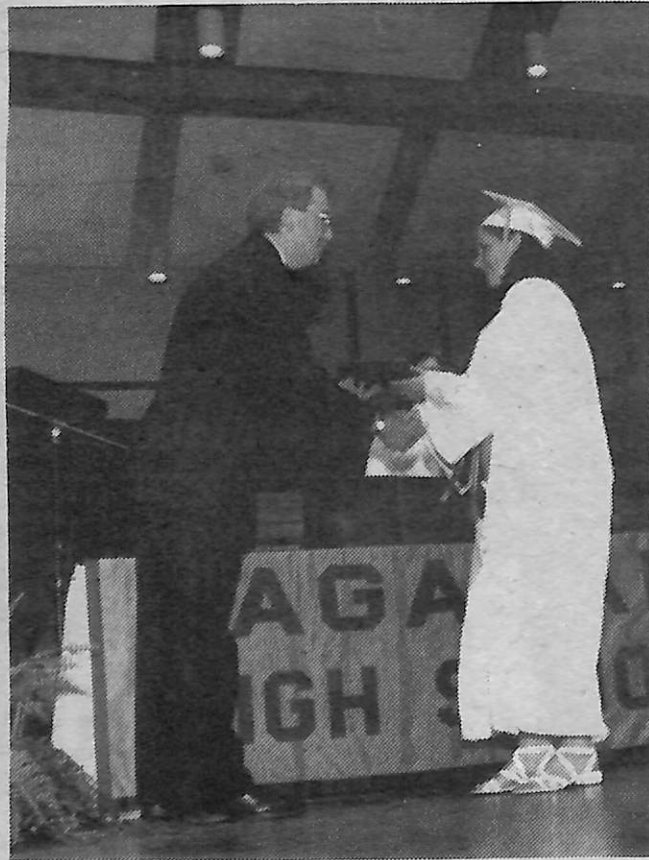
The aspiration to demand of ourselves was instilled in us by our loving families and by our concerned teachers. They taught us to believe in ourselves, and to have high expectations. They gave us the courage and support to follow our dreams.



SELENA MACHIA



Mayor Johnson hands a diploma to Jeffrey Gaylor.



Kelly Carmody is congratulated by Mayor Johnson.



Junior Marshalls Melissa Troie and Jason Jean.



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"We've Finally Graduated!!!"



Mayor Johnson with 1996 graduate Stacie Avery.



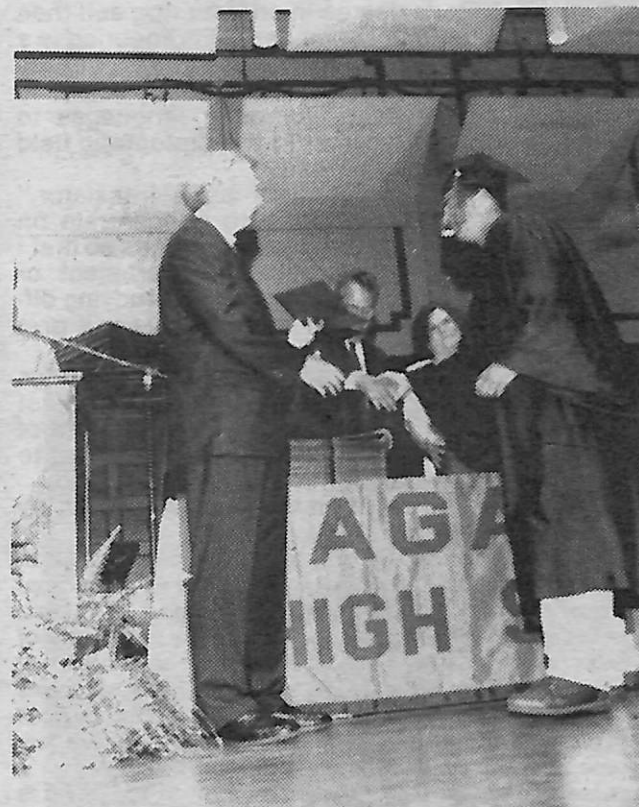
Mayor Johnson hands a diploma to Lindsay Loomis.



Courtne Hyland shakes the hand of Mayor Johnson.



Elana Campurciani shares a laugh with Mayor Johnson, Paul Cavallo, and Bernadette Conte.



Mayor Johnson extends congratulations to Dom Pisano.



Mayor Johnson hands Meagan Langevin her diploma.



Mayor Johnson presents Erica Pratt with her diploma.



Catherine Willis is about to receive her diploma from Mayor Johnson.



Kristin Pettazzoni get her diploma and a kiss from her mother, Susan Pettazzoni.

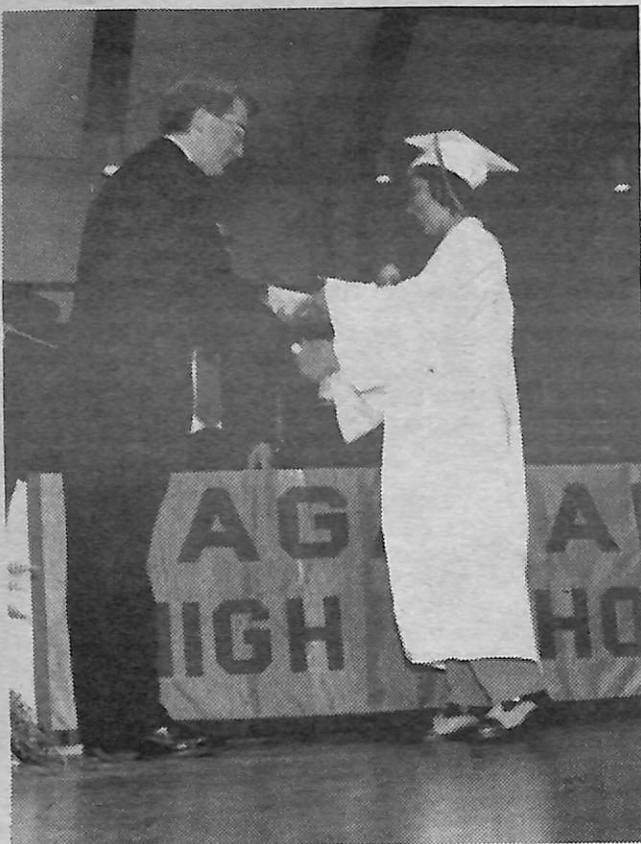


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Diplomas, Diplomas, And More Diplomas!



Mayor Johnson hands a diploma to Joe Albano.



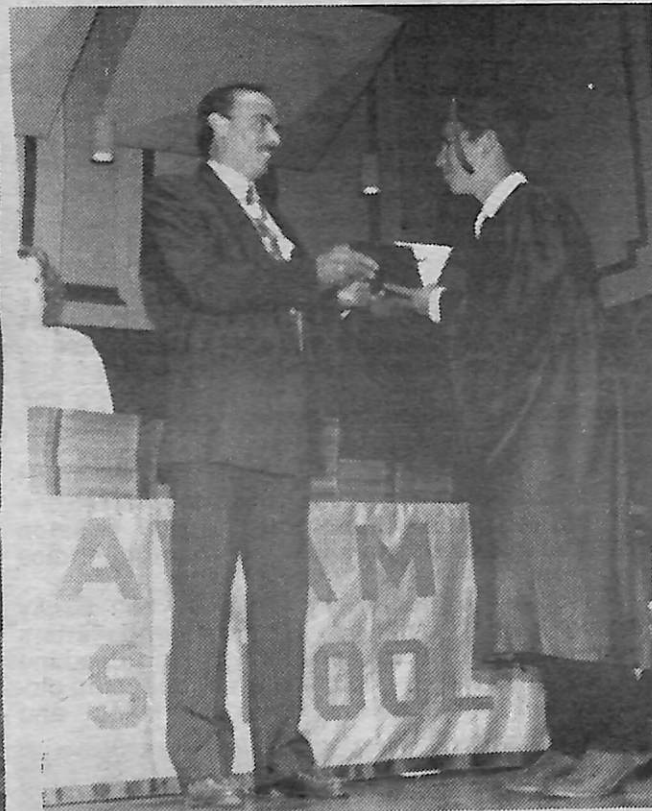
Receiving her diploma from Mayor Johnson is Carolina Florez.



Mayor Johnson offers his congratulations to Justin Casinghino.



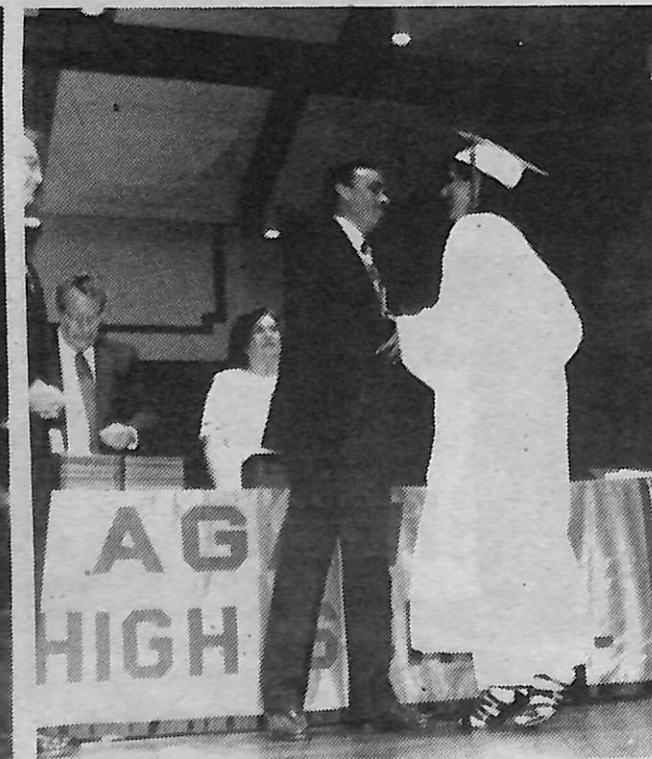
Richard Sardella, President of the Agawam Chapter of AFS, congratulates exchange students Carolina Jurado (left) and Marcos Damus (right).



Mayor Johnson presents a diploma to Alfred Albano.



Richard Sardella shares a moment on stage with exchange students Gingkaew Klaewwigkrum (left) and Katia Prolongeau (right).



Mayor Johnson offers his congratulations to Kimberly Faust.

Graduation 1996 - continued...

Agawam High's 1996 Yearbook Has A Very "Timely" Theme

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

From the cover design depicting timepieces of every imaginable shape, type, and level of technology, to the temporal themes and symbols interwoven on virtually every page, the 1996 edition of the Agawam High *Sachem* is "A Time To Be."

Pleased to show off every feature and innovation of the 26th yearbook he's overseen, faculty advisor David Pulaski said the cover design was known only to the book's editors and the class artist who created it until the day the book was delivered.

"The kids came up with the idea for the cover illustration, the editors sketched it out and then gave it to Dave Dello Russo," Pulaski said.

From the moment the yearbook staff begins the monumental task of going from the jumble of senior kits to the eagerly awaited final product, Pulaski stresses the absolute necessity of meeting their deadlines as if they were running a business rather than a class.

"This is the first time in their lives they have been in charge of something worth more than \$25,000," Pulaski said. "One deadline missed means the book is not guaranteed for on-time delivery, so everyone puts aside any personality conflicts to meet the deadline."

Pulaski said the entire town should be proud of the quality of the book his staff has produced while still managing to keep the cost at about half the price of yearbooks in neighboring towns.

Many of the features most enjoyed by not only the graduating seniors and their families, but by the school's entire student body, are not included in most yearbooks. "Senior Salutes" and "Senior Captions" are among the most cherished traditions of the *Sachem*, and this year's book adds a new index section listing the names of all the students that indicate which pages their photo appears on. Every picture in the book, including group shots, is cross-referenced to a student's name.

Pulaski said the idea of adding a photo index has been kicked around for years, but Editor-in-Chief Kirsten Decoteau "took the bull by the horns" and set the staff to work identifying and recording each face in every photo of the *Sachem's* 240 pages, Pulaski said.

"Kirsten was a tremendous organizer and I don't think I ever heard her raise her voice. She got the job done without going critical mass on us," Pulaski said. "I really made the right choice on that."

Associate Editors Kelly Carmody and Becky Wing served their chief well, often taking matters into their own hands, especially during deadline crunches as they found themselves snapping pictures and pitching in to help the layout and

literary staffers.

Somehow, literary Editor John Higgins made it through the year despite the teasing of staff members Lisa Cassanelli, Selena Machia, and Christy Dubay, who stated, "We don't know how we let him live."

Lisa pretended not to care, just to bug him; Selena was the obedient one, writing in poetic justice; Christy skipped her other homework to keep up with his demands.

Avoiding Bankruptcy...

Without the diligent efforts of the business staff, the yearbook would be bankrupt. Scott Lit-chfield and Stacie Avery had the envied job of handling the money. Making bank deposits and taking yearbook orders kept them busy practicing their math skills.

Photography Editor Mary Parrotta was the staffer who stressed out only when the deadline arrived. Even though the pictures were all taken, organizing and filing was no picnic.

Keeping Pulaski one heartbeat away from a heart attack, photographers Corrie Antaya, Kristin Tierney, Sarah Platanitis, and Courtney Limbert always met their deadlines. Shooting the pictures was just the beginning for the staffers who juggled schedules, set up appointments, and still had the task of dropping off their film to be developed and picking up the finished pictures.

As Pulaski's personal secretary, Gina Cincotta frequently responded to her boss's request, "Hey, Gina, would you go make a phone call?"

Sports staffers Steph Bliza and Dave Rose scored a homerun with the descriptive sports section created from their knowledgeable sports writing. Finding the names and quotes to go with the sports photos led them on many tours of the school's corridors.

Layout editor Jenn Clarke, along with staffers Danielle LaBarre, Melissa Fleming, and Betsy Gervais, spent countless hours in designing each intricate page of the yearbook.

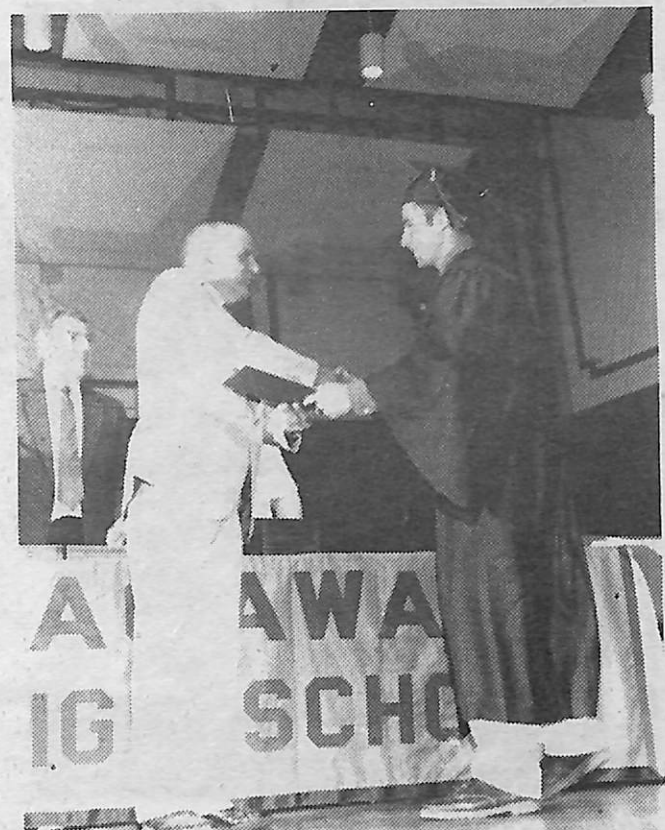
Advertising editor Courtne Hyland had her staff trolling the waters around Agawam hoping to find the businesses willing to take the bait. Thanks in large part to the efforts of the ad staff, the cost of the book was \$21. Nicole Boyer, Kara McDade, and Sue DeFilipi each sold \$1,400 in advertising to local business owners.

For anyone who wouldn't ordinarily have a chance to thumb through a copy of the book, Pulaski makes copies available at the Agawam Public Library and in the libraries of the High School and Junior High School.

"We're justly proud of this book," Pulaski said. "I would love to think people would drop in to see it."



Stephanie Biza says "thanks" to Mayor Johnson.



Tony Russo shakes the hand of presenter Louis Massoia, Jr.



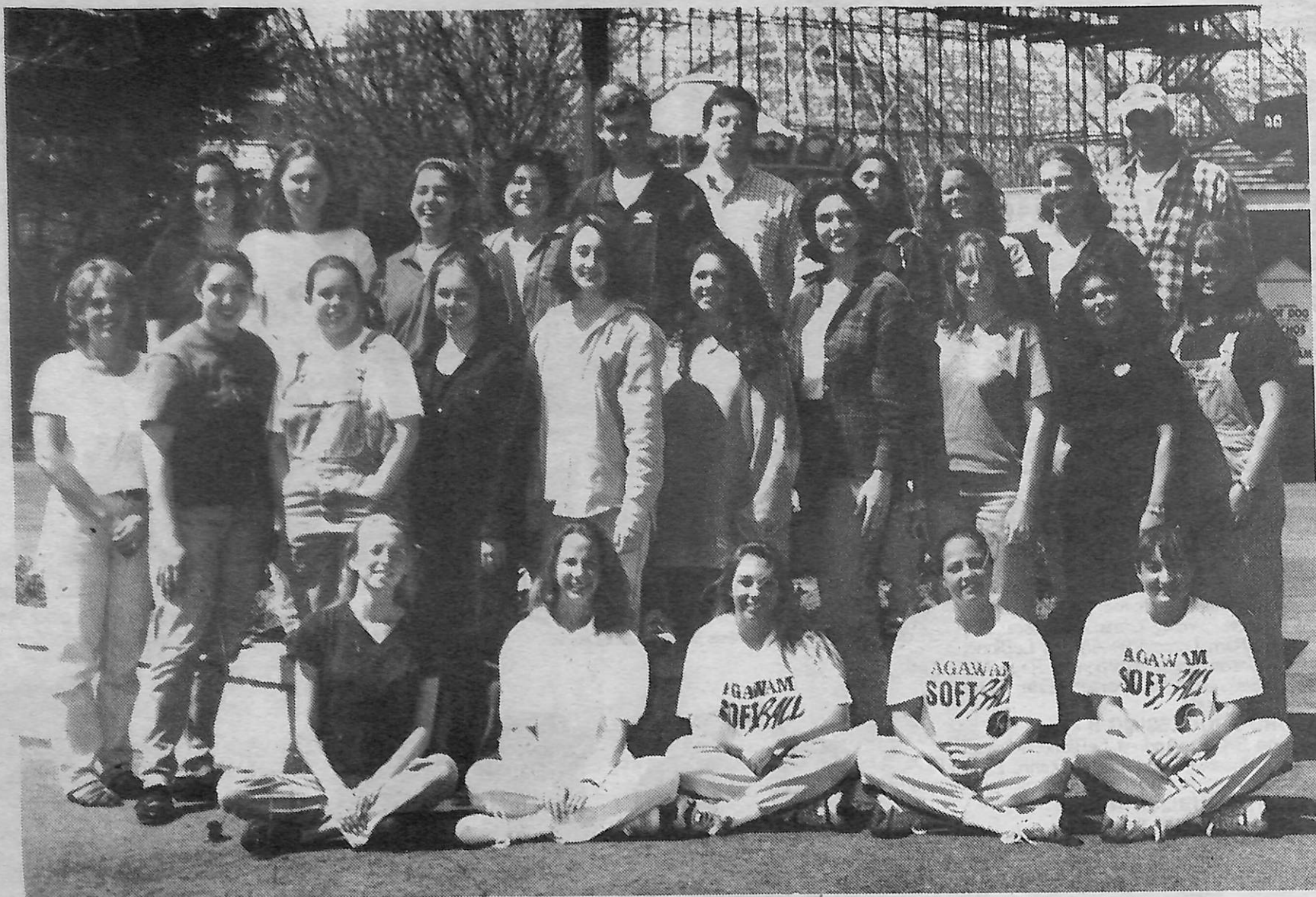
Laura Rapa is congratulated by Mayor Johnson.



Adrienne O'Quinn is all smiles as she's about to receive her diploma.



Nelson Abdala receives his diploma from Mayor Johnson.



1996 AHS YEARBOOK STAFF

We, the Agawam High School yearbook staff, would like to thank the following businesses for purchasing advertising space in our 1996 SACHEM. We greatly appreciate your support and acceptance. A heartfelt thanks and best wishes for a prosperous summer...

*Sincerely,
Kirsten Decoteau, Editor
David Pulaski, Advisor*

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Academy of Artistic Performance
Agawam Advertiser News
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Axler's Bicycle Corner
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Papa Roni's Pizzeria
Parade of Pets
Parrotta's Auto Repairs and Sales

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Peterjans Gourmet Ice Cream
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R & R Jewelers
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Topper's Premium Ice Cream
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Wayne's World of Golf
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Woronoco Savings Bank



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AHS's 1996 Scholarship & Awards Program

ART DEPARTMENT EXCELLENCE IN CRAFTS

Mary Ann Spring, Kelly Jo Stoddard.

EXCELLENCE IN PAINTING

Viktor Adzhigirey.

EXCELLENCE IN POTTERY

Eugene Stevens, Matthew Skowron.

THE MOST CREATIVE ART STUDENT IN DRAWING AND PAINTING

David Dello Russo.

MOST IMPROVED ART STUDENT IN DRAWING/ PAINTING OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD

Jennifer Clarke.

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTING I - "A" AVERAGE FOR COURSE

Keith Sidusky, Amy Wisniewski.

WORD PROCESSING I

Dan Barber, Shanna Benoit, Natasha Bilyaletdinova, Samantha Collette, Ellianne Dickinson, Janell Erskine, Cara-Ann Fattini, Melissa Fleming, Christina Gibson, Jeff Harlin, Alisa Harvey, Kerri Lawrence, Andrea LeBlanc, Adrienne O'Quinn, Jason Reed, Catherine Reynolds, Keith Sidusky, Kris Sisk, Jennifer Sparver, Erin Ward, Nicole Weinle, Amy Wisniewski.

WORD PROCESSING II

Dan Barber, Jason Bryant, Andrea LeBlanc, Michael Loguidice, Christine Mazeika, Adrienne O'Quinn, Erica Pratt, Erin Ward.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING - "A" AVERAGE FOR COURSE

Elaina Almena, Nicole Boyer, Nancy Cuccovia, Danielle LaBarre, Jamie Scherban, Jamie Thomas.

KEYBOARDING - LEGAL & MEDICAL

Laura Rapa.

BUSINESS MATH & CALCULATOR

Andrea LeBlanc.

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Gerry Gosselin.

D.A.R. - AMERICAN HISTORY

Courtne Hyland.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH

John Higgins, Selena Machia.

JOURNALISM AWARD

Bruce Cortis.

MILDRED REED ENGLISH AWARD

Alisa Harvey.

21ST CENTURY BOOK AWARDS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ENGLISH

Alfred Albano, Lisa Cassanelli, Jennifer Clarke.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Stephanie Biza, Jason Bryant, Kelly Carmody, Justin Casinghino, Lisa Cassanelli, Nancy Cuccovia, Tom Gage, Elizabeth Gervais, John Higgins, Jon Jacobsen, Danielle LaBarre, Scott Litchfield, Selena Machia, Christine Mazeika, Elizabeth McGrew, Dom Pisano, Jason Reed, Mike Robinson, Jeff Rousseau, Kristin Scarlett, Kristin Tierney, Dan Viens, Becky White, Becky Wing.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Nicole Boyer, Jennifer Giroux, Christine Mazeika, Jennie Van Gys, Maryann Spring, Nicole Weinle.

MEAL PLANNING II

Mark Anderson, Maryann Spring.

INTERNATIONAL FOODS

Jennie Van Gys.

HONOR CORDS AND ACHIEVEMENT PINS BUSINESS EDUCATION

Keith Sidusky.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Michael Robinson.

ENGLISH

Gina Cincotta.

FAMILY/CONSUMER SCIENCE

Kimberly Faust.

MATHEMATICS

Kelly Carmody.

MUSIC

Nicole Weinle.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Erica Pratt.

SCIENCE

Kelly Carmody.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Christy Dubay.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Theresa Brown.

WORLD LANGUAGE

Kelly Carmody.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

OUTSTANDING SPANISH STUDENT

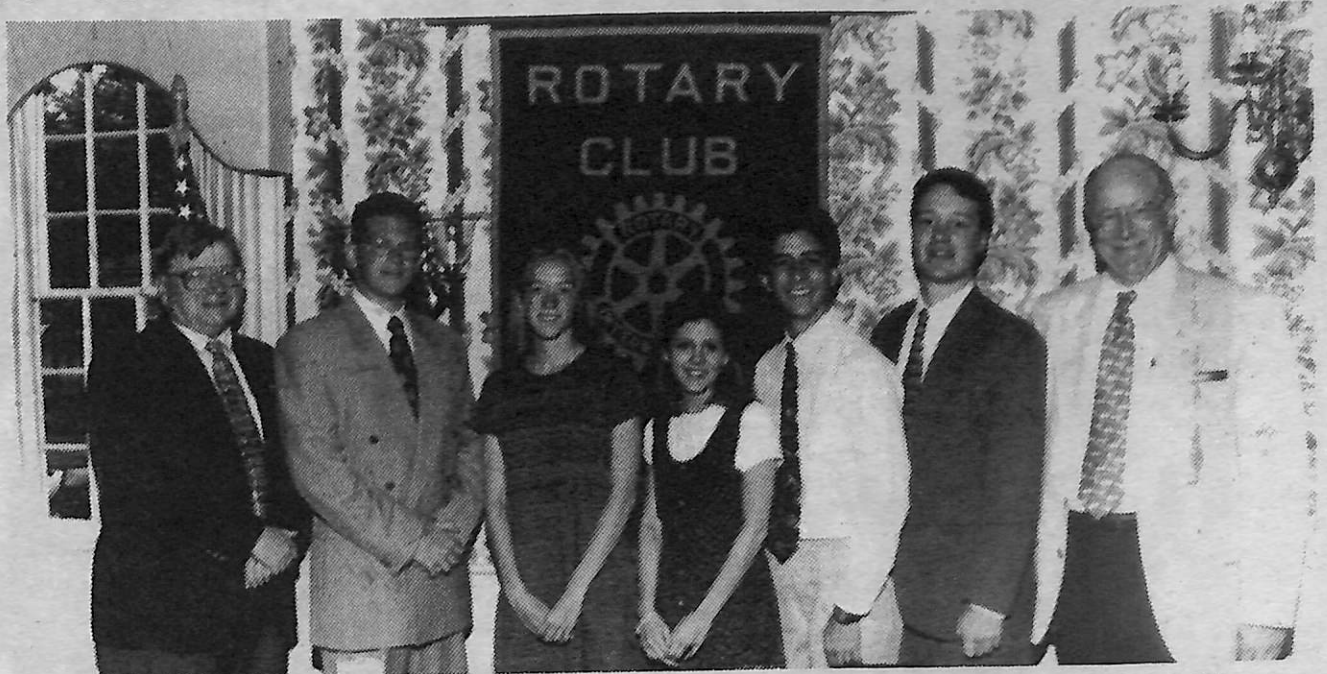
Selena Machia.

OUTSTANDING FRENCH STUDENT

Kelly Carmody.

OUTSTANDING ITALIAN STUDENT

Nancy Cuccovia.



ROTARY CLUB AWARDS: Rev. Curt Fuller, Rotary member; award recipients Alfred Albano, Sue DeFilipi, Kristen Rousseau, and Scott Wands; and Rotary members Jerry Adams and Andy Campbell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB (CHAPTER II) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Ernest Swanson, Treasurer; award recipients Jennifer Clarke, Alfred Albano, and Rebecca Wing; and Louis Scherpa, President. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS: Lioness Club President Elaine Taupier (far left) and club member Rosemarie Kieffer (far right) with scholarship recipients Melissa LaFlamme and Jamie Scherban. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Kelly Carmody, Danielle LaBarre.

MATH CLUB

Susan DeFilipi, Michael Domaingue, Jennifer Giroux, Kara McDade, Alison Reseigne, Kelly Stoddard, Kristin Tierney.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA BAND AWARD

Nancy Cuccovia.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD

Justin Casinghino.

WOODY HERMAN JAZZ AWARD

Alan Blake.

NATIONAL ARION AWARD FOR BAND

Amy Wisniewski.

NATIONAL ARION AWARD FOR CHORUS

Justin Casinghino.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD

John Higgins.

LISA ZIEGERT BAND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Danielle LaBarre, Jason Reed.

PEER LEADERSHIP

Laura Beauchemin, Matthew Gordon, Danielle LaBarre, Adrienne O'Quinn.

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Alfred Albano, Corrie Antaya, Daniel Barber, Stephen Bennett, Stephanie Biza, Nicole Boyer, Kelly Carmody, Justin Casinghino, Gina Cincotta (Secretary), Jennifer Clarke, Christian DeBonville, Kirsten Decoteau, Susan DeFilipi, Jason DeGray, Christy Dubay, Melissa Fleming, Thomas Gage, Elizabeth Gervais, Theodore Gontczaruk, John Higgins (Vice President), Courtne Hyland, Danielle LaBarre, Courtney Limbert, Scott Litchfield, Selena Machia, Andrew Markowski, Rosemarie Oppedisano, Mary Parrotta, Kristin Tierney, Daniel Viens (President), Rebecca Wing (Treasurer).

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RENAISSANCE

Elaina Almena, Nicole Boyer, John Butler, Jennifer Clarke, Christian DeBonville, Kirsten Decoteau, Christy Dubai, Nathan Frailey, Jeffrey Gaylor, Elizabeth Gervais, Jennifer Giroux, Theodore Gontczaruk, Matthew Grych, Karen Hershowitz, John Higgins, Danielle LaBarre, Melissa LaFlamme, Andrew LeBlanc, Kara McDade, David McDougal, Maryann Spring.

OUTSTANDING VOCATIONAL STUDENT AWARD ALLIED HEALTH

Karrie King.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Tim Lawrenchuck.

ELECTRONICS

Matthew Grych.

FASHION DESIGN & MERCHANDISING

Laura Cincotta.

SCHOLARSHIPS 1996

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) -

ROBERT F. HERSEY, PRESIDENTIAL

Joseph Albano, James Baldyga, John Higgins, Rachel Niemiec.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) -

GERALD J. MASON

Courtne Hyland.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) -

NICHOLAS LASKY MEMORIAL

Jeffrey Rousseau.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) -

PHYLLIS M. MASON

Jamie Thomas.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) -

GENERAL

David Murphy, Domenick Pisano, Michael Robinson, Jamie Scherban, Kristin Tierney, Rebecca Wing.

AGAWAM BOYS BASKETBALL

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Joseph Albano, James Baldyga, Jason DeGray, David Murphy, Jeffrey Rousseau.

AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bruce Cortis.

AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS

Viktor Adzhigirey.

AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Jennifer Clarke, Andrew Markowski.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (AEA) -

21 WEEK CLUB

Nicole Boyer, Susan DeFilipi.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (AEA) -

DAVID THEODOROWICZ MEMORIAL

John Higgins.

AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB

Kelly Carmody.

AGAWAM GIRLS BASKETBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Stephanie Biza, Nicole Boyer, Susan DeFilipi, Courtne Hyland, Erica Pratt, Laura Rapa, Jamie Thomas, Kristin Tierney, Jennie Van Gys.

AGAWAM GIRLS FIELD

HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB

Gina Cincotta, Kirsten Decoteau, Melissa Fleming, Elizabeth Gervais, Jennifer Giroux, Christine Mazeika, Erica Pratt, Rebecca Wing.

AGAWAM GIRLS LACROSSE BOOSTER CLUB

Gina Cincotta, Danielle DiDonato, Melissa Murphy, Alison Reseigne.

AGAWAM GIRLS SOFTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Stephanie Biza, Nicole Boyer, Melissa Fleming, Courtne Hyland, Christine Mazeika, Meagan Moriarty, Adrienne O'Quinn, Erica Pratt, Laura Rapa, Kristin Tierney, Rebecca Wing.

AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB -

CHAPTER II MEMORIAL

Alfred Albano, Jennifer Clarke, Rebecca Wing.

AGAWAM GRIDIRON PARENTS

Justin Casinghino, Bruce Cortis, Jason DeGray, Thomas Gage, Jeffrey Harlin, Andrew Markowski, Derek Parker, Michael Perry, Domenick Pisano, Anthony Russo, Glen Wegrzyn, Gregory Wegrzyn.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS

Jason Reed.

LISA M. ZIEGERT BAND SCHOLARSHIP

Danielle LaBarre.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Mark Anderson, James Baldyga, Christopher Chechile, Michael Domangue, Jeffrey Gaylor, Jonathan Jacobsen, Michael Loguidice, Domenick Pisano, Jeffrey Rousseau, Jamie Scherban, Daniel Viens.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA AWARD

Daniel Viens.

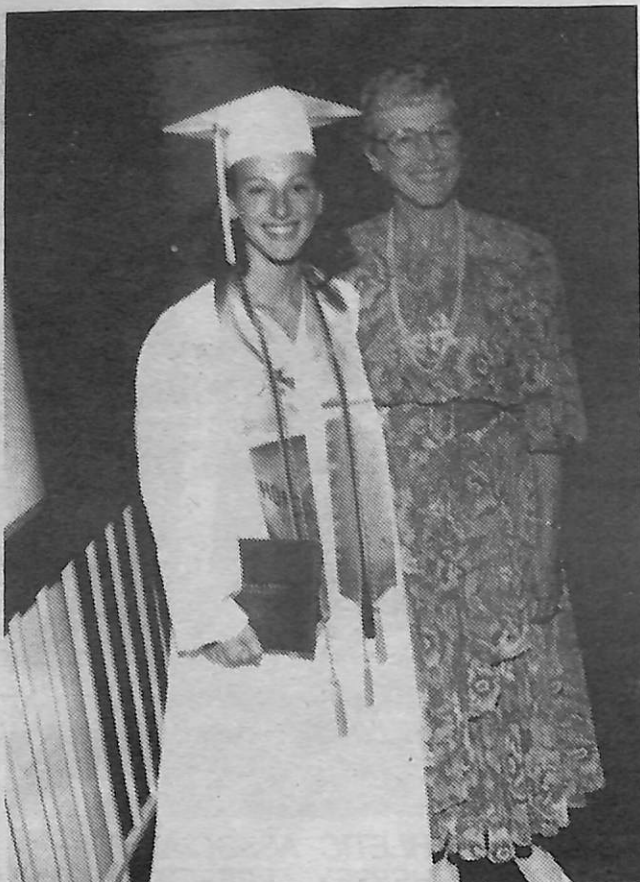
AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS AWARD

Jennifer Sparver, Rebecca White.

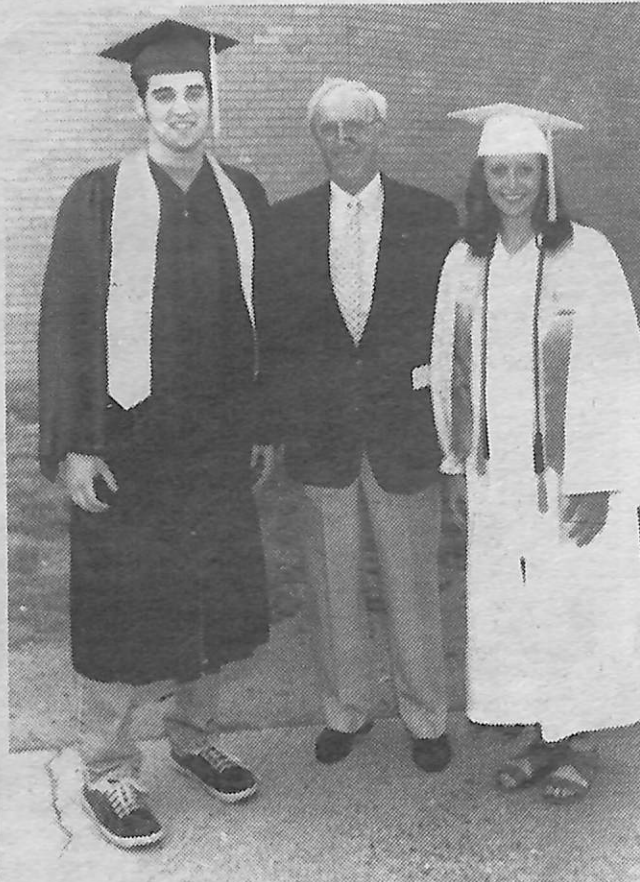
AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

SOCCER PARENTS ASSOCIATION

James Baldyga, Stephanie Biza, Nicole Boyer, Christopher Chechile, Timothy Conklin, Susan DeFilipi, Michael Domangue, Jeffrey Gaylor, Courtne Hyland, Eric Johnson, Melissa LaFlamme, Kara McDade, Adrienne O'Quinn, Jason Patrick, Danielle Petrangelo, Matthew Radwanski, Laura Rapa, Alison Reseigne, Catherine Reynolds, Jeffrey Rousseau, Jamie Scherban, Jamie Thomas, Kristin Tierney.



Selena Machia is the recipient of the first annual Roberta Doering/Massachusetts Association of School Committees President's Scholarship. Posing with Selena is Roberta Doering. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



William Miller (center) stands with John Higgins and Melissa Fleming, the 1996 recipients of the William Miller Scholarship (sponsored by the B.J. Phelps PTO). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Stephanie Biza, the recipient of the Agawam Soccer Association/Rich Parolo Memorial Scholarship, with scholarship representative Denny Marr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Tim Herlihy (far right), representing the Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Scholarship, with scholarship recipients Andrew Markowski, Andrew J. Ingham, and Derek Benton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Recipients Kristin Tierney, Adrienne O'Quinn, Sue DeFilipi, Eric Johnson, Jeff Rousseau, and scholarship representative Denny Marr. (Missing from photo - recipient Jamie Scherban.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION—GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:
Back row - Michael Robinson, Domenick Pisano, Jamie Scherban, and Dave Murphy.
Front row - Becky Wing and Kristin Tierney.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION—ROBERT F. HERSEY, PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Recipients James Baldyga, Joe Albano, and John Higgins. (Missing from photo - recipient Rachel Niemiec.)

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Courtne Hyland receives the Agawam Athletic Association—Gerald J. Mason Memorial Scholarship from Robert Hersey.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL TRACK PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Christy Aguinaga, Justin Casinghino, Marcos Damus, Susan DeFilipi, Melissa Fleming, Matthew Gordon, Gina Marcil, Kara McDade, David Murphy, Patrick Napoli, Michael Perry, Thomas Pierson, Jeffrey Rousseau, Anthony Russo, John Szramowski, Jamie Thomas, Jennie Van Gys, Catherine Willis.

AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - ANNE SULLIVAN AWARD

Daniel Barber.

AGAWAM HOCKEY PARENTS

Matthew Radwanski.

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Alfred Albano, Justin Casinghino, Kirsten Decoteau, Susan DeFilipi, Adrienne O'Quinn, Michael Perry, Gina Cincotta, Christian DeBonville, Courtne Hyland, Eric Johnson, Jason Patrick.

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB

Melissa LaFlamme, Jamie Scherban.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - GENERAL

Alfred Albano, Kelly Carmody, John Higgins, Selena Machia.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - HELEN HARDINA NURSING

Melissa Fleming.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

Alfred Albano, Daniel Barber, Susan DeFilipi, Christy Dubay.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO/ LISA ZIEGERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Boyer.

AGAWAM MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Giroux, Selena Machia, Rebecca Wing.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION (ASA)

Susan DeFilipi, Eric Johnson, Adrienne O'Quinn, Jeffrey Rousseau, Jamie Scherban, Kristin Tierney.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION (ASA) - RICH PAROLO MEMORIAL

Stephanie Biza.

ALPHA CHAPTER DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SPONSORED BY

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN EDUCATORS

Nicole Boyer.

ANDERSON-MORIN MEMORIAL

Nicole Boyer, Andrew Markowski.

BARBARA SKOLNICK SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Boyer, Susan DeFilipi.

BEN MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew Markowski.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM

Theodore Gontczaruk, Michael Perry.

CHEERLEADER BOOSTER CLUB

Corrie Antaya, Ellen Bellerose, Tara Fiorini, Meagan Langevin, Kerry Lawrence, Christine Mazeika, Melissa Murphy, Jennifer Sparver, Karla Zambelli.

CHRISTOPHER KINSELLA MEMORIAL

Nathan Frailey.

CLIFFORD M. GRANGER PTO

Christy Dubay, Rebecca Wing.

COMMUNITY GRANGE NO. 382, INC.

Jamie Sternowski, Rebecca White.

D.A.R. AWARD

Kelly Carmody.

DIANA WILLARD HALL MEMORIAL

Rosemarie Oppedisano.

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Jeffrey Rousseau receives the Agawam Athletic Association—Nicholas Lasky Memorial Scholarship from Robert Hersey.

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Jamie Thomas is presented with the Agawam Athletic Association—Phyllis M. Mason Scholarship by Phyllis Mason.

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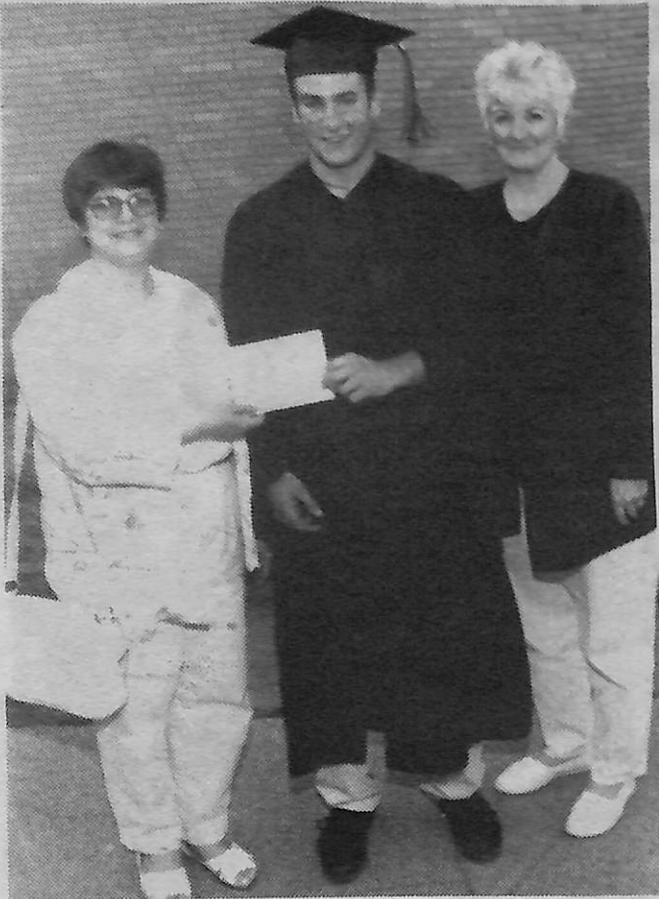


AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Club member Carol Patrick, scholarship recipients Alfred Albano, Gina Cincotta, Jason Patrick, Kirsten Decoteau, Eric Johnson, Courtne Hyland, Michael Perry, Jr., Sue DeFilipi, Christian DeBonville, Adrienne O'Quinn, Justin Casinghino, and club member Eileen Hamre.

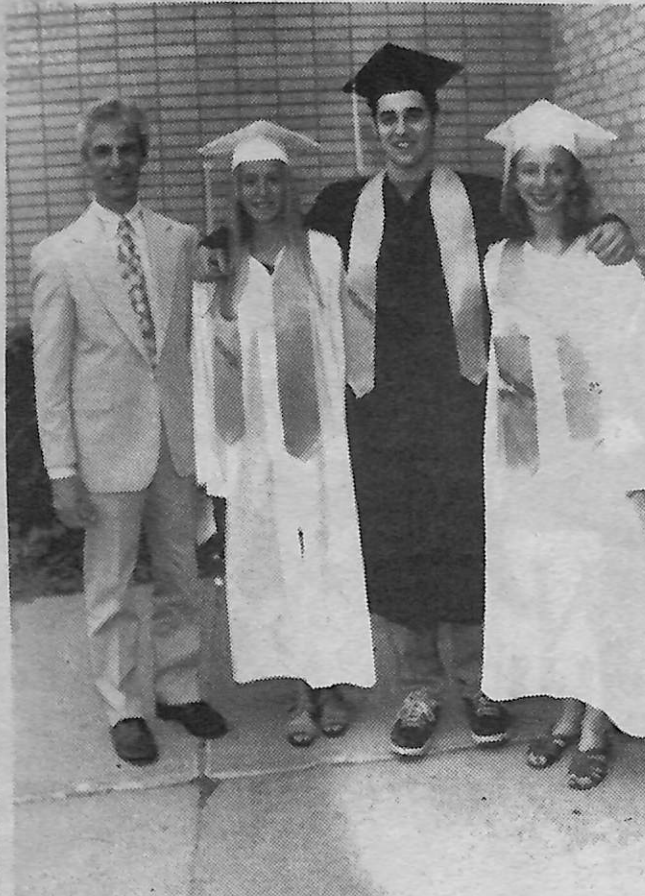
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Tony Russo, the recipient of the Agawam Women's Club scholarship, stands with Joanne Willis (left), Women's Club President, and his mother, Gail Russo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Richard Joseph (left), chairman of the Agawam Education Association Scholarship Committee, poses with scholarship recipients Sue DeFilipi, John Higgins, and Nicole Boyer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Selena Machia receives the Woronoco Savings Bank Scholarship from Feeding Hills branch manager Darilynn Nardi (far right). Looking on is Agawam High Principal Joseph Zabielski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATTENDING THE UNICO SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET AT FERRUCCIO'S (from left to right): Alfred Albano, T.J. Gontczaruk, S. Thomas Martinelli (UNICO Chairman), Thomas Scherpa, Rich Morassi (UNICO member), Danielle LaBarre, Andrea LeBlanc, Gina Cincotta, Rosemarie Oppedisano, and Sal Morassi, Jr. (UNICO member). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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EXPOSITION AREA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

Nicholas Davio.

FRANK MAZZA SCHOLARSHIP - SPONSORED BY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Laura Beauchemin, John Higgins.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA - B.J. PHELPS CLUB

Stephanie Biza, Nicole Boyer, Sabrina Ferrari, Tracie Jacapraro, Christine Mazeika, Mary Parrotta.

GLADYS CATCHEPAUGH MEMORIAL - AMERICAN LEGION AUX. NO. 185

Alexander Carson.

HARMON SMITH MEMORIAL

Christopher Chechile.

HERITAGE HALL NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

Melissa LaFlamme.

JAMES CLARK SCHOOL PTO

Jason DeGray, Thomas Gage.

JAY CLARK MEMORIAL - AFS AGAWAM CHAPTER

Christy Dubay, Selena Machia.

JILL STEFANIK MEMORIAL

Domenick Pisano, Keith Sidusky.

JOHN E. HIGGINS, JR. MEMORIAL

Bruce Cortis.

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIP - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NO. 5585

Susan DeFilipi.

JOHN M. LAZAZZERA HOCKEY MEMORIAL

Derek Benton.

JOSEPHINE LONGO AWARD - TRI PARISH BOWLING LEAGUE

Rosemarie Oppedisano.

KAREN L. BUFFINGTON-DELPECHIO MEMORIAL

Eric Johnson.

LEONARD DESROSIER'S MEMORIAL

Matthew Radwanski.

LISA M. ZIEGERT MEMORIAL FUND

Nicole Boyer, Jennifer Clarke.

MARSHA BADER MEMORIAL

Kirsten Decoteau.

MARY L. O'KEEFE MEMORIAL

Christine Mazeika.

MINNIE BARDEN MEMORIAL

Daniel Barber, Carrie Lock.

PARK WEST BANK & TRUST COMPANY

Keith Sidusky.

P. JOSEPH CURRAN MEMORIAL

Elana Campurciani.

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM

Kirsten Decoteau, Melissa LaFlamme, Jennifer Seybold, Rebecca Wing.

RAYMOND HUSSON MEMORIAL

Nicole Boyer.

RAY MCCARROLL MEMORIAL - ROTARY CLUB OF AGAWAM

Alfred Albano, Susan DeFilipi.

1ST ANNUAL ROBERTA DOERING/MASC PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

Selena Machia.

THOMAS J. DAL MOLIN MEMORIAL HOCKEY/SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

Susan DeFilipi, Eric Johnson, Matthew Radwanski.

TIMOTHY J. SUNSTROM MEMORIAL

Derek Benton, Christopher Chechile, Andrew Ingham, Andrew Markowski.

TIMOTHY JOHN BENNETT MEMORIAL SPONSORED BY AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICS TEACHERS

Kelly Carmody.

UNICO - AGAWAM CHAPTER

Alfred Albano, Gina Cincotta, Danielle LaBarre, Rosemarie Oppedisano.

UNICO - AGAWAM CHAPTER - BRIAN PICCOLO AWARD

Christopher Chechile.

WEST SPRINGFIELD-AGAWAM ELKS CLUB

Kelly Carmody, Michael Perry.

WEST SPRINGFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Susan DeFilipi, Jamie Scherban.

WILLIAM MILLER SCHOLARSHIP - SPONSORED BY B.J. PHELPS PTO

John Higgins, Melissa Fleming.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM

Jennifer Clarke, Jennifer Giroux.

WORONOCO SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP

Selena Machia.



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More AHS Commencement Highlights...



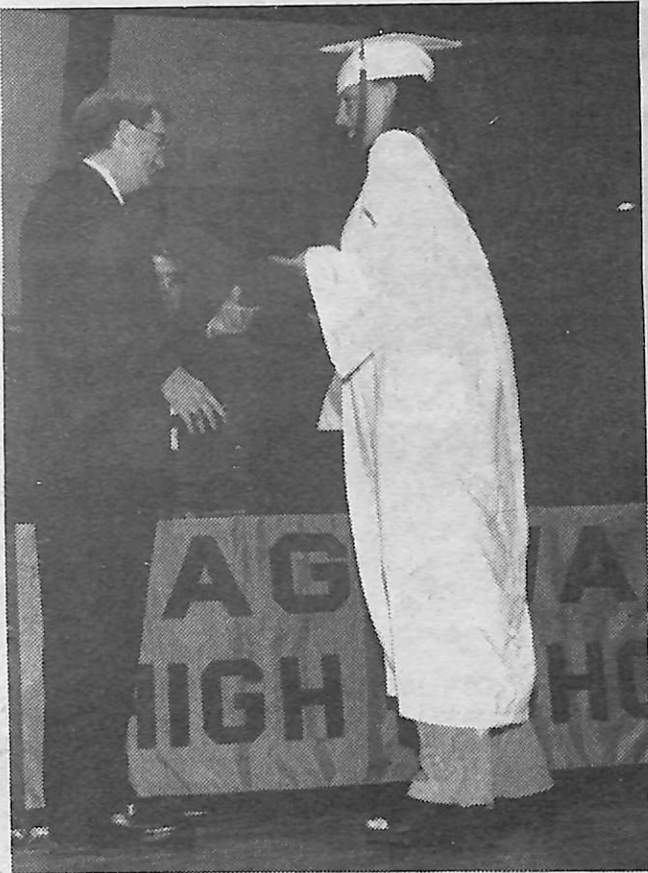
Jessica Sasserone receives her diploma from Linda Galarneau.



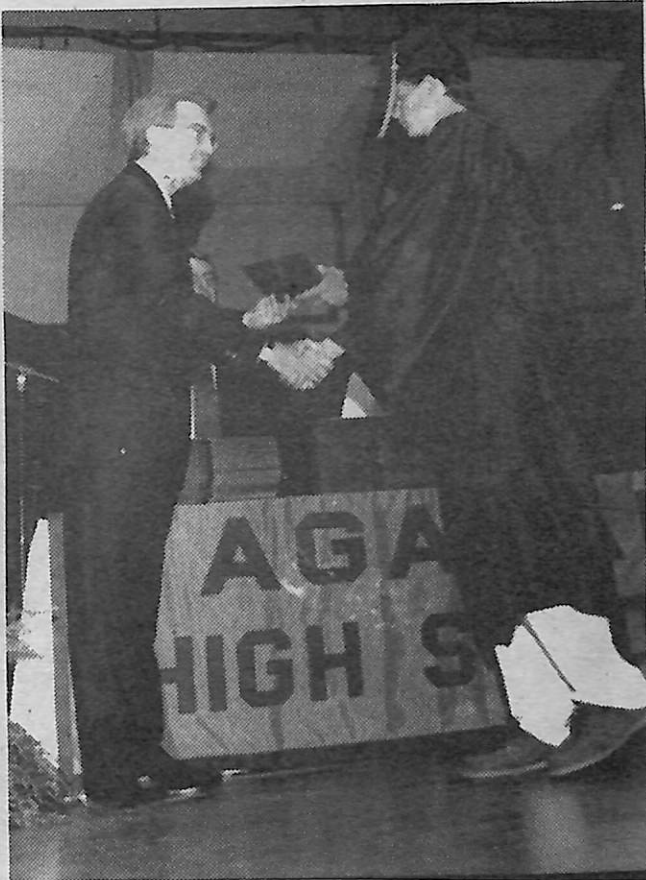
Louis Massoia, Jr. presents Melissa Murphy with her diploma.



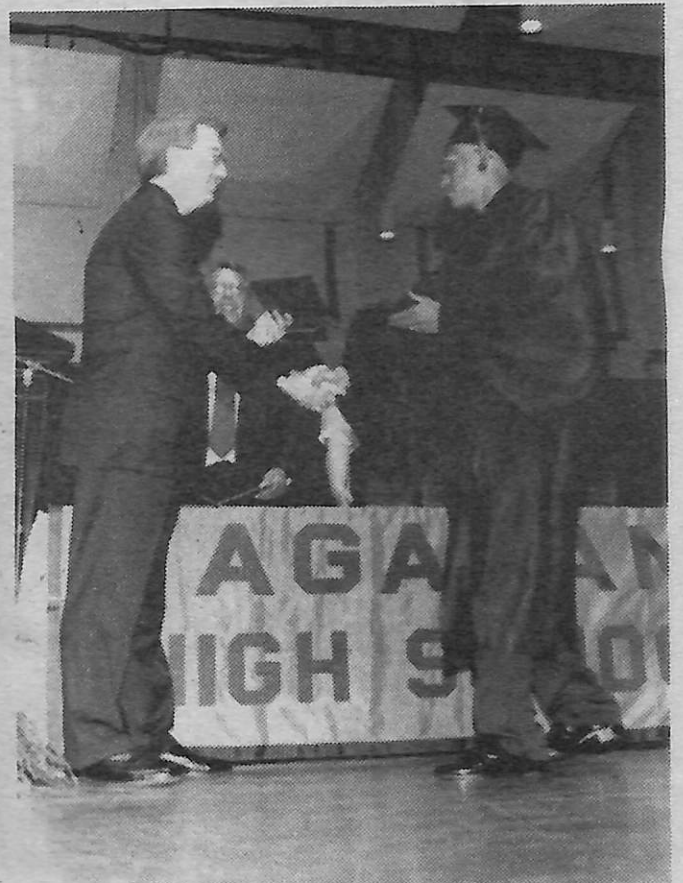
Mayor Johnson offers his congratulations to Alan Blake.



Faith Ackerman receives her diploma from Mayor Johnson.



Mayor Johnson shakes hands with Jim Baldyga.



Patrick Napoli is about to receive his diploma from Mayor Johnson.



WEST SPRINGFIELD—AGAWAM ELKS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS: AHS Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo, Elks Club Secretary Don Smith, scholarship recipients Michael Perry and Kelly Carmody, Elks Club member John LaFleur, and AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

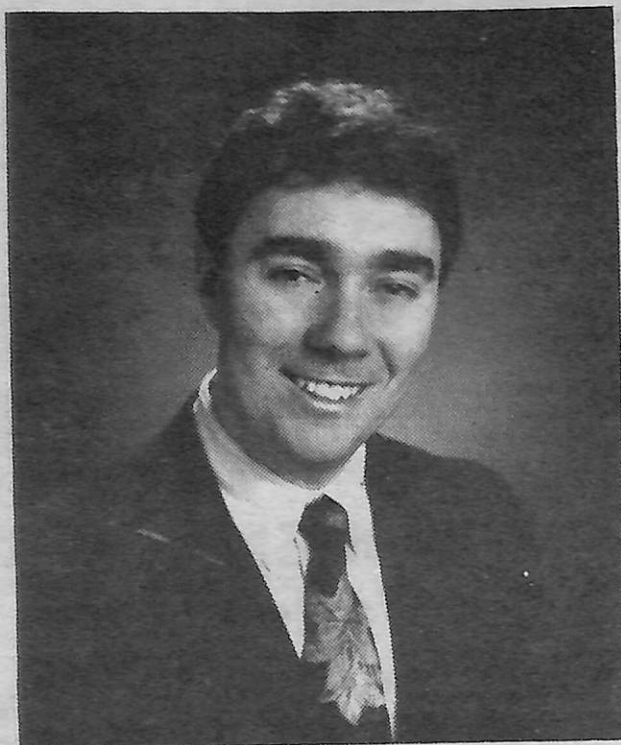
West Side-Agawam Elks Present Scholarships

The West Springfield-Agawam Elks No. 2174 has presented memorial scholarships to Agawam High School 1996 graduates Michael T. Perry and Kelly S. Carmody.

Michael, son of Michael T., Sr. and Laura Perry of Feeding Hills, was a Senior Rep. in the student government, a member of the Marching and Concert Bands, and played on the football and track teams. He will attend St. Anselm's College in Manchester, New Hampshire, to major in Criminal Justice.

Kelly, daughter of Paul E. and Denise A. Carmody, was a member of the European Exchange Program, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, the "As Schools Match Wits" team, and the Quill & Scroll Honor Society. She will attend Tufts University in Boston to major in Engineering.

Congratulations Agawam High School Class Of 1996



Good Luck And Best Wishes

State Representative Dan Keenan

Nelson George Abdala
Faith Elizabeth Ackerman
Viktor Adzhigirey
Christy Lynnette Aguinaga
Alfred Joseph Albano
Joseph Anthony Albano
Jeffrey P. Alberti
Justin Joseph Aldridge
Elaina Ramona Almerna
Mark David Anderson
Shawn P. Anderson
Corrie Elizabeth Antaya
Jeffrey J. Atkins, Jr.
Stacie Jenel Avery
David Joseph Avondo
James P. Baldyga
Daniel Adam Barber
Justin Richard Barber
Stephanie Bean
Laura Marlee Beauchemin
Ellen Marie Bellerose
Stephen Elliot Bennett
Shanna Lynn Benoit
Derek J. Benton
Natalasha Bilyaletdinova
Stephanie Lynn Biza
Alan Marshall Blake
Brigitte Andrea Blum
Jennifer Marie Borgatti
Michael A. Bouchard
Kevin T. Bovat
Nicole Elizabeth Boyer
Jillian Ann Briggs
Timothy Briggs
Theresa E. Brown
Jessica Beth Brunelle
Jason Joseph Bryant
John M. Butler
Nicole E. Campion
Elana Lynn Campurciani
Kelly S. Carmody
Alexander F. Carson, IV
Justin David Casinghino
Lisa Marie Cassanelli
Christopher Michael Chechile
Heather A. Chichakly
Robert Christian
Peter L. Christopher
Gina Marie Cincotta
Jennifer Ann Clarke

Samantha Marie Collette
Timothy Charles Conklin
Bruce John Cortis
Justine Marie Craven
Jeff James Cressotti
Richard D. Cross
Nancy D. Cuccovia
Marcos P. Damus
Keith William Daubmann
Adam Brian David
Jonathan F. David
Nicholas M. Davio
Christopher Day
Craig Calvert Day
Christian M. DeBonville
Kirsten Lea Decoteau
Susan Elaine DeFilipi
Jason Morgan DeGray
Stephen DeJoinville
Dave John Dello Russo
Mary Ann DeMaio
David J. Demers
Jason E. Devine
Elliann Michelle Dickinson
Michael Joseph Domainque
Timothy Stanley Drenzek
Christy Anne Dubay
Jason K. Ellsworth
Janell Erskine
Cara-Ann Fattini
Kimberly Anne Faust
Sabrina Ann Ferrari
Anthony Patrick Fillion
Tara Lynn Fiorini
Melissa Marie Fleming
Carolina M. Florez
Nathan Allan Frailey
Thomas Arthur Gage
Jeffrey Daniel Gaylor
Elizabeth Anne Gervais
Carla Ghareeb
Kevin D. Ghareeb
Christina M. Gibson
Michelle Lee Giguere
Chad Edward Gilbert
Jennifer Cosette Giroux
Emily J. Gomez
T.J. Gontczaruk
Matthew R. Gordon
Gerry Gosselin

Christine L. Grimaldi
Matthew Grych
Marc R. Guillemette
Melanie Ann Guillemette
Jeffrey Johnson Harlin
Matthew A. Harrington
Alisa Michelle Harvey
Ryan Joseph Hedges
Karen A. Hershowitz
John Earl Higgins, III
John Arthur Hill
Eric M. Hollander
William R. Hoskin
Daniel A. Houle
Leilah Hurd
Courtne Marie Hyland
Andrew Joseph Ingham
Jason J. Ingham
Tracie Ann Jacapraro
Jonathan Daniel Jacobsen
Eric Mark Johnson
Michael James Johnson
Carolina Jurado
Bounchanh Kheumun
Brian T. Kiddy
Karrie Ann King
Gingkaew Klaewvigkrum
Jennifer Annette Kratovil
Phong La
Danielle Marie LaBarre
Melissa Ann LaFlamme
Daniel Lancour
Meagan Christine Langevin
Kerri Lynn Lawrence
Timothy Joseph Lawrenchuk
Andrea Dawn LeBlanc
Kamaris Nichelle Lessard
Ernest Edward Levesque
Kelly Anna Liard
Joshua Adam Lightcap
Courtney Marie Limbert
Scott Michael Litchfield
Carrie Ann Lock
Michael J. Loguidice
Jared M. Longley
Lindsay L. Loomis
Selena Marie Machia
Daniel Patrick Mackie
Gina M. Marcil
Andrew Edward Markowski

Michael J. Maslowski
David John Mason
Christine Elizabeth Mazeika
David John McCarthy
Kara Beth McDade
David Paul McDougal
Doreen D. McEwan
Elizabeth M. McGrew
Melissa Ann Montagna
Meagan Moriarty
David Howard Murphy
Melissa Jean Murphy
Nathan Thomas Murray
Patrick C. Napoli
Rachel Ann Niemiec
Erin Lynn O'Neill
Adrienne Margaret O'Quinn
Rosemarie Oppedisano
Jill Amy Osowski
Jeremy Pajer
Katherine Ann Paradysz
Derek Dahms Parker
Mary Concetta Parrotta
Jason W. Patrick
Daniel Joseph Pellegrino
Jason Robert Peloquin
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Heather Lynn Peterson
Danielle Leigh Petrangelo
Thomas E. Petrowicz
Kristin Ann Pettazzoni
Thomas J. Pierson
Domenick Joseph Pisano
Sarah Elizabeth Platanitis
Raymond Francis Pleva, III
James Clifford Pliska
Wesley Francis Powell
Erica Anne Pratt
Katia M. Prolongeau
Matthew Paul Radwanski
Laura Anne Rapa
Jason Michael Reed
Coleen Teresa Rego
Alison Ann Reseigne
Catherine Anne Reynolds
Christopher Alan Rheume
Ceciley Renee Rivest
Karyn Marie Robblee
Michael Russell Robinson

Jeffrey Michael Rousseau
Anthony Joseph Russo
Cara C. Rust
Katarzyna Rutkowski
Jeffrey M. Santarre
Jessica N. Sassarone
Kristin Michelle Scarlett
Jamie Patrick Scherban
Jeffrey C. Sexton
Jennifer Diane Seybold
Melissa Jean Sheehan
Jennifer Lynn Siana
Keith Andrew Sidusky
Brendan Silk
Kristine Lynn Sisk
Kenneth Richard Smyth
Jennifer Marie Sparveri
Maryann Jensine Spring
Jamie Lynn Sternowski
Justin Stoddard
Kelly Jo Stoddard
Jeremy D. Surreira
John Szramowski
Bryan John Szymczyk
Jamie Cathryn Thomas
Kristin Patricia Tierney
Gary Torosyan
Cindy M. Turcotte
Marc Daniel Turgeon
Jennie Ruth Van Gys
Daniel Joseph Viens
Michael Craig Vinesett
Tracy Lee Wandrei
Erin Katherine Ward
Daniel C. Watson
Christopher E. Webster
Glenn G. Wegrzyn
Nicole Ann Weinle
Carl Wesley, Jr.
Neil R. White
Rebecca Ann White
Steven M. Willett
Bernadette J. Williams
Catherine J. Willis
Rebecca Jean Wing
Dennis C. Winot
Amy Karyn Wisniewski
Daniel R. Yon
Karla Marie Zambelli



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Susan DeFilipi, the 1996 recipient of the J.F.K. Scholarship, receives her AHS diploma from Mayor Johnson.

Susan DeFilipi Is Recipient Of 1996 J.F.K. Scholarship

The J.F.K. Council 5585 of Agawam is pleased to announce the 1996 winner of its J.F.K. Scholarship.

The \$100 award is given annually to a graduating senior at either Agawam High School or one of the local Catholic high schools. The recipient must live in Agawam and must be ranked in the top 25 percent of his/her graduating class.

In addition to an excellent high school record, the recipient must have completed a C.C.D. program at their local parish or a religious education course at their Catholic high school.

This year's winner is **Susan DeFilipi** of Agawam High School.

While maintaining a top 10 percent ranking in her class, Susan also participated in a number of school activities, including the National Honor Society, Math Club, and the MIRROR staff.

She was also an outstanding athlete in both soccer and track.

The Knights of Columbus offer their congratulations to Susan and wish her great success at Western New England College and Mass. College of Pharmacy, as she studies for her Pharm. D. Degree over the next six years.

Please watch this paper for future announcements of a Scholarship Dance to be held in the fall.

Three AHS Alumni Graduate From Medical School

Three alumni of the Agawam High School class of 1988 have recently graduated from medical school.

James Anderson, a 1992 graduate of Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, received his M.D. from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. Anderson will be completing his residency in surgery at Baylor in Texas.

Joseph Kosinski, a 1992 graduate of Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island, attended Creighton Medical School in Omaha, Nebraska. Kosinski and his wife, Mary, will reside in Alexandria, Virginia, while he undertakes his residency specializing in Family Practice.

Christopher Ollari, a 1992 graduate of Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, recently completed his medical studies at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Ollari will also be doing his residency at UMass, specializing in Ob/Gyn.

Congratulations to all the '96 college graduates from Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Bruce Cortis Honored At Civitan Club Luncheon

The Civitan Club of Springfield's celebration of Good Citizenship Day was held on May 15th. Each year on the third Wednesday of May, the Civitan Club devotes its meeting to the goal of building better citizenship.

At that time, outstanding senior students who have exemplified good citizenship are selected from area high schools and honored in a program attended by school administrators, Civitans, and guests.

Among the honored seniors who were selected by their respective principals was **Bruce Cortis** of Agawam High School.

The students to be awarded are selected based upon the following criteria:

1. Faithful application to schoolwork and at least average grades in all subjects.
2. Participation in extracurricular activities.
3. High degree of cooperation in the entire school program.
4. High standard of moral integrity.

Civitan is an all-volunteer, international service organization for individuals who want to be involved in community service projects. Civitan's purpose is to provide opportunities for personal and professional development while encouraging services to the worldwide community.

Operating in North America, Europe, and Asia, Civitans have traditionally helped people with developmental disabilities.

For further information, contact Christopher J. Brown at 732-3320.

Four AHS Seniors Receive Walter S. Barr Scholarships

Four Agawam High School seniors were among the 19 recipients of the 1996 Walter S. Barr Scholarships.

James Broderick, Chairman of the Selection Committee, announced that the scholarships carry a monetary value of \$1,000 and may be renewed three times provided a favorable grade point average is maintained.

The Agawam students honored were: **Kelly Carmody** of 40 Primrose Lane; **Andrew E. Markowski** of 14 Two-If-By Street, Feeding Hills; **Alfred J. Albano** of 112 Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills; and **John E. Higgins III** of 14 E Castle Hills, Feeding Hills.

Graduating seniors at public and private high schools in the Greater Springfield circle are eligible for the Barr Scholarship, which are administered through the Horace Smith Fund at 1441 Main Street, Springfield.

Area Students Earn Degrees At WNEC

The following area residents were among 872 graduate and undergraduate students and 216 law students who were awarded degrees from Dr. Beverly W. Miller, president of Western New England College, at the College's commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18, 1996, at Springfield Symphony Hall.

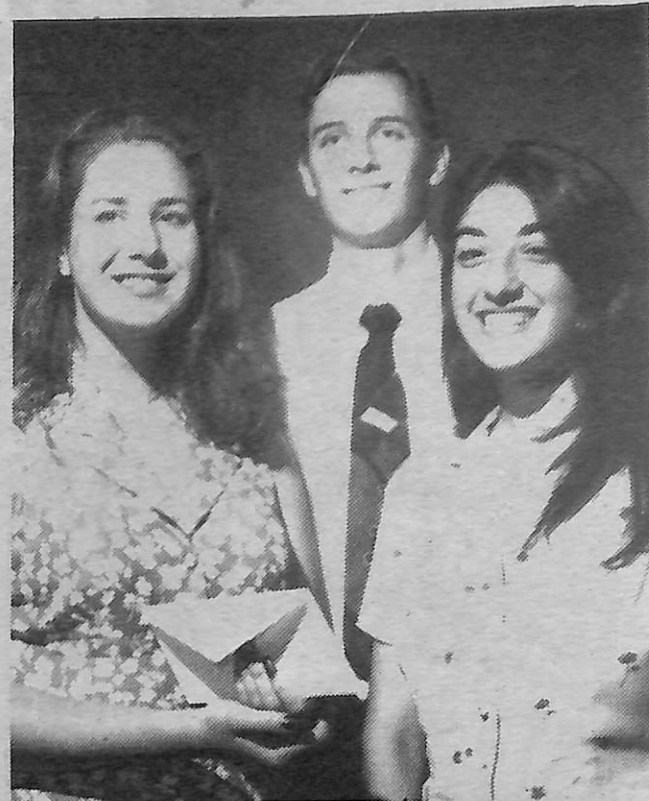
Susan E. Arnold, daughter of Gary Arnold and Katherine McNutly of Feeding Hills, received a Juris Doctor degree cum laude. She was a staff member of *The Western New England Law Review*, and received the American Jurisprudence Award in Torts.

Julie A. Dialessi, daughter of Robert and Lynn Dialessi of Agawam, received a Juris Doctor degree. She delivered the student commencement address, and received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award - Law and Economics.

Joy A. Poggi, daughter of Richard and Barbara Crossen of Holyoke and the wife of Daniel Poggi of Agawam, received a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Health Care Management.

Western New England College is a private coeducational institution located on a 131-acre suburban campus in Springfield, MA, with an additional 16 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

The College serves full-time and part-time students with undergraduate programs in its Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering, and graduate programs in its Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law.



The 1996 Valley Press Club Scholarship recipients include Michelle Jeffery, Stephen E. Bennett of Agawam, and Sonya Cosentini.

Stephen E. Bennett Wins Valley Press Club Scholarship

The Valley Press Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Valley Press Club Scholarships and the Springfield Newspapers Scholarship for 1996.

The scholarships, which are based on demonstrated achievement, commitment to careers in journalism or communications, and financial need, were presented at a press conference and reception at Mercy Hospital's Deliso Conference Center on Saturday, June 1st.

Among the recipients was **Stephen E. Bennett** of Agawam, who received one of three Valley Press Club Scholarships.

Stephen, a graduate of Agawam High School, plans to attend Northeastern University for a career in broadcast journalism. He was a member of the National Honor Society and wrote three award-winning articles for the sports section of his school newspaper, the MIRROR.

Stephen also served in student government, in the Quill and Scroll and Literary Society, and was on the varsity swim team. Outside of school, he has been a camp counselor for mentally retarded adults and is active in his church.

Leslie M. Bennett Awarded Degree At Saint Anselm's

Leslie M. Bennett of Agawam was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in environmental sciences at the 103rd Annual Commencement of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, on May 18th.

Leslie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Bennett of 29 Willowbrook Drive, Agawam.

While at Saint Anselm, Leslie was a member of the Recycling Committee, president of Eyes of the World (the on-campus environmental awareness organization), and an R.A. for two years.

She plans to pursue a career in environmental development and policy.

Andrea Balboni Is A Graduate Of Mount Holyoke

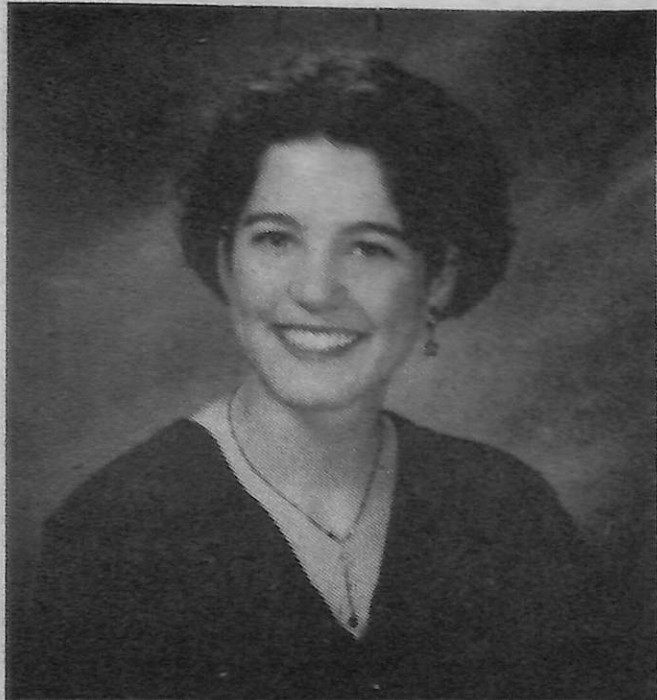
Andrea Balboni graduated from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley on May 26th.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Balboni of 32 Sherwood Avenue, West Springfield, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of 25 King Street, Agawam, and the late Mr. Balboni.

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Graduation 1996 - continued...



LESLIE GORMAN

Local Students Graduate From UMass Dartmouth

The following residents were among the 1,188 students who graduated from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth during the university's 96th commencement exercises held on June 2nd:

John Long of Agawam, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology; and **Leslie Gorman** of Feeding Hills, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



AMY MARCOTTE

Amy Marcotte Is A Graduate Of Trinity College

Amy Marcotte, daughter of Andrew and Rosemarie Marcotte of Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills, graduated from Trinity College in Hartford on Sunday, May 19th, as a member of the class of 1996.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and will be pursuing her Master's starting this fall at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Tara Christian Is Awarded Master's Degree At Elms

Tara Christian, daughter of James and Judith Christian of Agawam, received the degree of master of arts in teaching at Elms College's commencement exercises on May 19th. Her concentration was in special education.

Ms. Christian is a special education teacher in the Springfield School System. She works for the Curtis Blake Center during the summer.

Local Students Earn Degrees From Bay Path College

The following local students were among the 186 women who were granted associate or bachelor's degrees by Bay Path College during Commencement Exercises held on Saturday, May 18th.

Angela April Hayward, daughter of Paula and Larry Montagna of Meadow Street, Agawam, received an Associate in Science Degree Magna cum Laude. She was enrolled in the early Childhood Education Program. A member of the Maroon Key Honor Society, Hayward received the President's Citation for attaining dean's list standing for four semesters. She plans to continue at Bay Path for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology/Early Childhood Education.

Karen Lee Root, daughter of Burton and Claire Root of Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, received an Associate in Science Degree. She was enrolled in the Health Administration Program, and received a Service Award for leadership in campus organizations.

Colleen Lee Roux, daughter of Raymond Roux of Regency Place, Agawam, and Stacy Roux of Chicopee, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business cum Laude.

Dawn Marie Smelstor, daughter of Joseph and Helaine Smelstor of Fernwood Drive, Agawam, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology/Early Childhood Education Magna cum Laude. A member of the Maroon Key Honor Society, Smelstor received the President's Citation for attaining dean list's standing throughout her junior and senior years.



BRIDGET CREAN AND DONALD GALLERANI

Bridget Crean And Donald Gallerani Graduate From Western New England

On May 18, 1996, Bridget Crean and Donald Gallerani graduated from Western New England College with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

Bridget Crean works for the Probation Department of Springfield District Court. She received her Bachelor Degree from American International College.

Donald Gallerani is a police officer for the Town of Agawam. He received his Bachelor Degree from Westfield State College.

Timothy A. Mayer Earns Bachelor's At Babson College

Timothy A. Mayer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Mayer of West Springfield, and grandson of Frank Maziarz and the late Helen Maziarz of Agawam, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Babson College, the nation's top-rated undergraduate business school, in Wellesley, MA, on May 11, 1996.

Tim is a 1992 graduate of West Springfield High School.

While at Babson, he earned Dean's List honors, played varsity soccer, and graduated with dual majors in Marketing and Communications.

Tim will be pursuing a marketing career in the Boston area.



SUSAN CHRISTIAN

Susan Christian Earns Degree From Providence College

Susan Christian of 78 Valentine Street, Agawam, was among the 852 graduates of Providence College who received their undergraduate degrees during the college's 78th commencement exercises on May 19, 1996.

Christian was awarded a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Providence College, the only college or university in North America administered by the Dominican Friars, is a Catholic, coeducational, liberal arts and sciences institution. The college offers undergraduate degrees in 35 disciplines and a cooperative engineering program with Columbia University and Washington University.

This year, the college introduced a major in public and community service studies, the first of its kind in the nation, through its Feinstein Institute for Public Service. A corresponding minor is also being offered.

U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Providence College third overall in the north region among 505 "best regional universities" and second in a new category for schools having an "unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching."

Providence College's undergraduate School of Continuing Education features such majors as bank management (with the New England Banking Institute), ministry, humanities, paralegal studies, and health administration.

The college's Graduate School offers various master's degrees in education, business administration, history, religious studies, and mathematics.

Lynn A. Agrapides Is On Dean's List At Fitchburg State

President Michael P. Riccards of Fitchburg State College has announced that Lynn A. Agrapides of Agawam was among the students who were included on the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Agrapides is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Communications.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full-time.

Fitchburg State College enrolls 6,000 day and evening students in 20 academic majors. The college was established in 1894.

Armand S. Berthiaume III Receives Management Degree From Merrimack

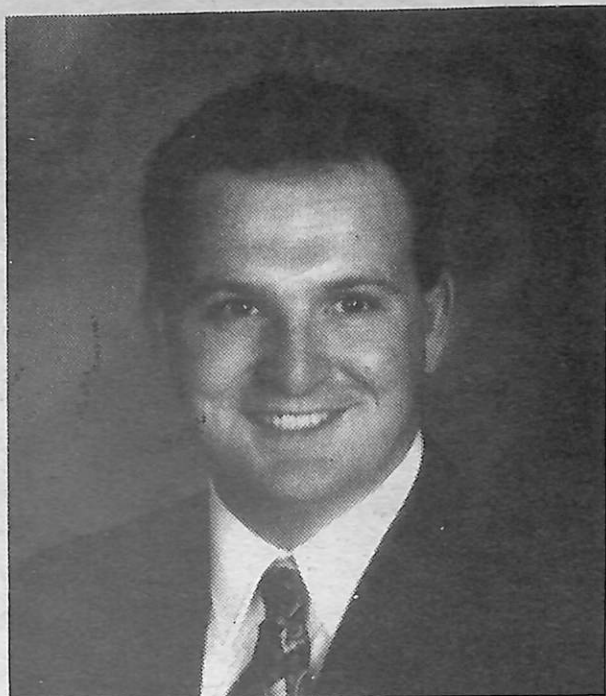
Armand S. Berthiaume III of Agawam was among the approximately 434 students who were awarded degrees at Merrimack College's 46th commencement on Sunday, May 19th.

Berthiaume received his degree in management.

Merrimack College is a Catholic institution of higher learning located in North Andover, Massachusetts. It provides undergraduate education in the liberal arts and the professions.



Graduation 1996 - continued...



CHRISTOPHER LAPLANTE

Chris LaPlante Earns Bachelor's Degree At WNEC

Christopher LaPlante graduated from Western New England College on Saturday, May 18th. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Chris is presently employed by Thielsch Engineering in Cranston, Rhode Island, as a Project Engineer.

He is 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and is the son of David and Susan LaPlante of Feeding Hills.



JULIANNE M. SMIST

Julianne M. Smist Receives Doctorate Degree At UConn

On Sunday, May 19, 1996, Julianne M. Smist was conferred the degree of Doctorate in Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut.

Dr. Smist's dissertation was titled "Science Self-Efficacy, Attribution, and Attitude Toward Science Among High School Students." She was also co-recipient of the J. Raymond and Augusta H. Gerberich Fellowship from the School of Education at their Honors Day Celebration.

Dr. Smist received her Bachelor's Degree from Our Lady Of The Elms College in Chicopee, and her Master's Degree from Boston College in Chestnut Hill.

Dr. Smist is currently employed at Springfield College, where she is an Associate Professor in the Chemistry Department.

She resides on Hamilton Circle in Feeding Hills with her husband Steve and daughter Jenn.

F. Hills Students Attain Dean's List At UMass Lowell

The following students from Feeding Hills were among those who attained the 1996 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Lowell:

Christian B. Grych of 164 Cambridge Street, BS - Health Education; **Allison M. Jean** of 288 North Street, BS - Criminal Justice; and **Steven E. Munley** of 16 Hamilton Circle, BM - Perf Sound Recd Tech Emph.

A grade point average of at least 3.0 with a grade no lower than B/C must be attained for inclusion on the Dean's List.

Building on a 100-year tradition of excellence in higher education, the University of Massachusetts Lowell offers its 11,000 graduate and undergraduate students a comprehensive range of programs in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Professions, and Management.

In seeking to make quality education accessible to all, the University has increased its commitment to meeting students' demonstrated financial need.



CATHY SHEEHAN MOLTA

Cathy Sheehan Molta Earns Law Degree At WNEC

Cathy Sheehan Molta, daughter of Patricia and Lawrence Sheehan of Agawam, graduated magna cum laude from Western New England College School of Law on May 18th at Symphony Hall in Springfield. Cathy graduated fourth out of 216 students in her class.

While at Western New England, Cathy was a member of the school's *Law Review* staff. She received American Jurisprudence Awards in Torts, Civil Procedure and Criminal Law, and also received a CALI Award in Federal Litigation: Suits Against the Government. These awards signify the student with the highest average in that class.

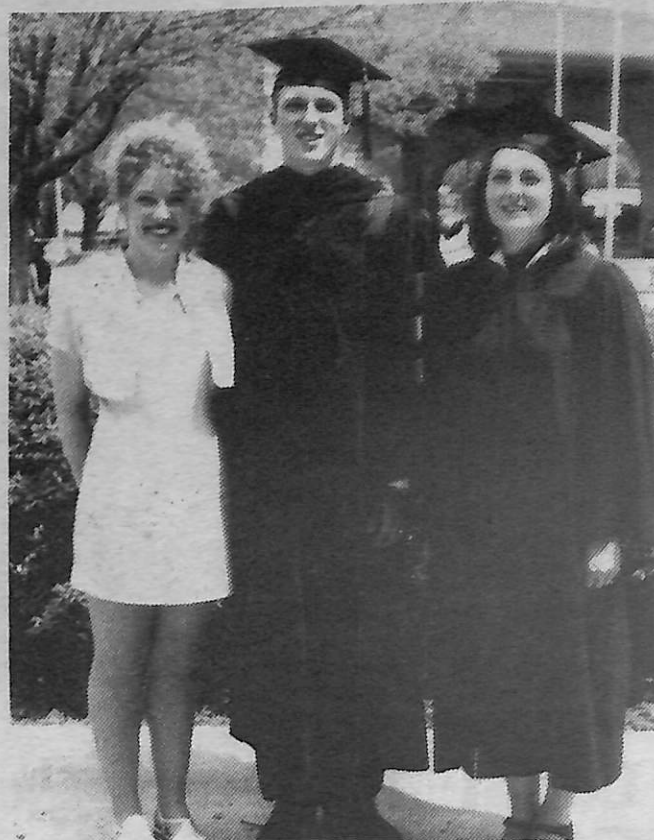
She was recently awarded the Western New England College School of Law Alumni Scholarship and the Abraham Smith Award for academic achievement.

Cathy is a 1988 cum laude graduate of Providence College with a Bachelor's degree in Humanities and Spanish. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1984.

Cathy currently resides in Southwick with her husband, Robert.

She is employed as the Director of the Western Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Springfield and plans to sit for the Massachusetts Bar Examination later this summer.

You turn our pages each and every week for the local news...



Graduates from AHS graduate from Omaha universities. From left to right: Mary Kosinski (nee Cox), Joseph Kosinski, and Christine Baldwin (nee Kosinski).

AHS Graduates Receive Degrees At Omaha Universities

Three Agawam High School graduates received college degrees from Omaha, Nebraska universities this May.

Mary Kosinski (AHS's class of 1989) received a Master of Arts degree in Molecular Biology from the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) while her husband, **Joseph Kosinski**, received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the School of Medicine at Creighton University.

Following graduation, Joseph was commissioned as a Captain in the U.S. Army. The Kosinskis will be moving to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where Joseph will be completing his internship in Family Practice at the facility's hospital near Washington, D.C.

Christine Baldwin (AHS's class of 1985), Joseph's sister, also attended Creighton University and received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions at Creighton University.

Christine previously received a degree in Chemistry from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, in 1989. Following a tour as an officer in the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Washington, Christine returned to college to obtain a degree in pharmacy.

Christine and her husband, John, will be staying in Omaha until he completes his college studies.

Mary Kosinski is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Cox of Holyoke. Joseph and Christine are the children of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kosinski of Troy, New York.

Andrew T. Turcotte Receives Degree From Central Bible College

On May 2, 1996, Andrew Thomas Turcotte, a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, received his Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministries, Magna Cum Laude, from Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri.

During his four years of study, he served as a Resident Assistant; President of Delta Chi; member of Delta Epsilon Chi (honor society); and President of Student Government Association in his senior year.

He was a World Prayer Leader for Campus Missions Fellowship. His summer internships included ministry in El Salvador and Youth Pastor at Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam.

Andrew was elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* in recognition of outstanding merit and accomplishment as a student at CBC.

Andrew will attend the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri, in the fall to attain a Master's Degree in Theological Studies.

He is the son of Clifford and Norma Turcotte of Alfred Court in Agawam.



Graduation 1996 - continued...



AMY LAPLANTE

Amy LaPlante Earns Degree From Bryant College

Amy LaPlante graduated cum laude from Bryant College on Saturday, May 18th. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Financial Accounting.

Amy has accepted a position as a staff accountant at Price Waterhouse in Boston, MA. She will be spending her summer studying for the CPA exam and plans to move to Boston this fall.

Amy is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and is the daughter of David and Susan LaPlante of Feeding Hills.



TIMOTHY J. REID

Timothy J. Reid Earns Awards At Wilbraham/Monson

Timothy Jacob Reid of Agawam was doubly honored when Wilbraham & Monson Academy held its 191st Commencement and Prize Assembly on May 25th.

Tim received the prestigious Markell and Monson Class of 1898 Award, as well as the Owen David Dow Memorial Award. Both these awards honor a student who is a fine scholar, competitive athlete, strong leader, and outstanding citizen.

Tim, who served the Academy as a prefect this year and participated on the varsity soccer, hockey, and lacrosse teams, will attend Hamilton College in the fall.

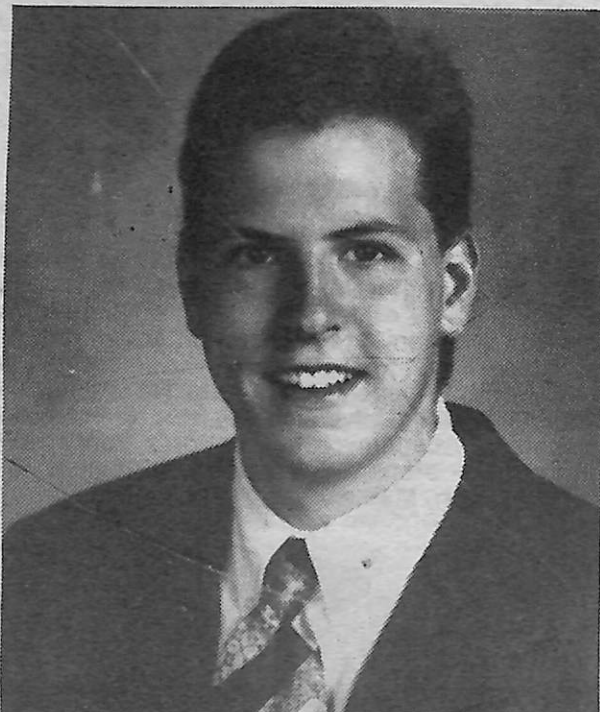
Agawam Residents Graduate From Boston University

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 4,376 students this past spring. Among the recipients were the following Agawam residents:

Michelle M. Auger, BA in Anthropology; and **Jennifer J. Maloni**, JD in Law.

Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges. The University offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, science, engineering and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

Located in the heart of a city rich in cultural, historical and intellectual attractions, the University, with more than 2,800 faculty members, is one of the nation's preeminent teaching and research institutions.



FRANK EVANGELISTA, JR.

Frank Evangelista, Jr. Receives Doctor Of Medicine Degree

On Saturday, May 25th, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., Frank Evangelista, Jr. of Agawam received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Georgetown Medical School, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Evangelista, a graduate of Agawam High School and Boston College, has been accepted to the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston as a resident in Pathology.

He is the son of Sandra and Richard Maggi of Agawam and Frank Evangelista of Ludlow, and the grandson of Mary Evangelista of Ludlow and Francis and Dorothy Donahue of Belchertown.

Local Students Graduate From Bryant College

Bryant College held its 133rd Commencement on Saturday, May 18th. Among the graduates were the following local residents:

Amy L. LaPlante of Feeding Hills, Bachelor of Science in Accounting (with a Financial concentration), cum laude.

Sean R. Wadrel of Agawam, Bachelor of Science in Accounting (with a Financial concentration), cum laude.

Daniel P. LaBreck of Agawam, Bachelor of Science with a Marketing concentration.

Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, is recognized as one of the leading business colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Barron's*. Bryant enrolls more than 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students annually.

In addition, more than 10,000 business people representing 1,800 firms annually take advantage of Bryant's continuing education programs and corporate outreach efforts through the College's Center for International Business and Economic Development (CIBED).



CHRISTIE L. SCHEVE

Christie L. Scheve Graduates From Boston University

Christie Leigh Scheve, daughter of Linda B. Scheve of Barry Street, Feeding Hills, graduated on May 19th from Boston University at its 123rd commencement in Boston.

She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from B.U.'s Sargent College of Allied Health Professions. She is enrolled in the Master of Science in Physical Therapy Program at the Sargent College and has completed one year toward her Master's Degree.

Scheve is doing a clinical affiliation this summer in the physical therapy department at Mercy Hospital and will return to B.U. for the last year of her Master's Degree this fall.

While at B.U., Scheve was a peer leader that helped with freshman orientation.

She is a 1992 honors graduate of Agawam High School.



KRYSTEN GODFREY

Krysten Godfrey Earns Bachelor's From Univ. Of New Hampshire

Krysten Godfrey, daughter of John and Susan Godfrey of Agawam, graduated Summa Cum Laude from The University of New Hampshire on May 18th.

Krysten received a bachelor of arts degree in English/Journalism and recently completed a full-time internship at *The Journal Tribune* in Biddeford, Maine, where she worked as a beat reporter.

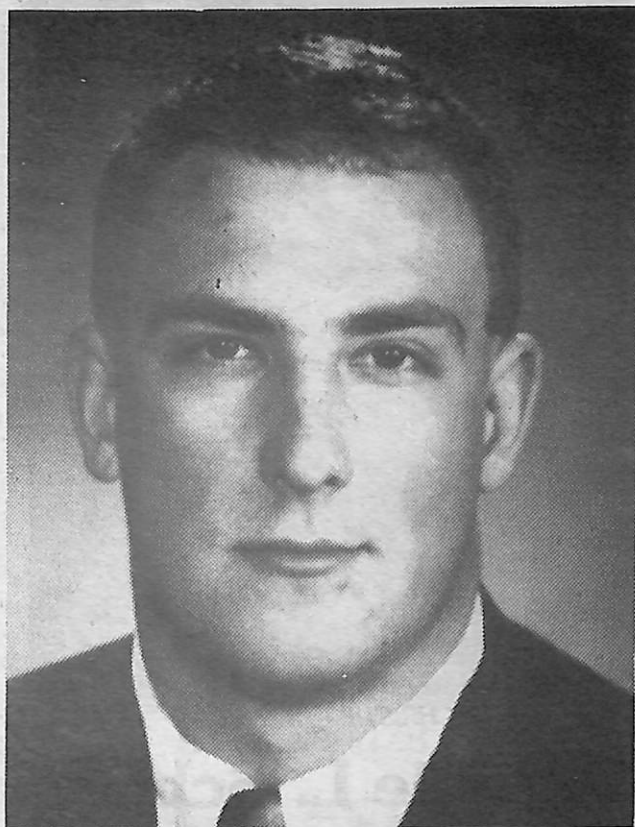
After graduation, Krysten will reside in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where she will work at *The Portsmouth Herald*, a daily newspaper serving the New Hampshire seacoast region.

Krysten was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and Golden Key National Honor Society.

The University of New Hampshire, located in Durham, New Hampshire, is a public, state-run institution which awards degrees to the 10,000 students who study in its Liberal Arts, Business, Engineering, Life Sciences, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture programs.



Graduation 1996 - continued...



CHARLES N. HOFFMAN

Charles N. Hoffman Completes Work For MS Degree

Charles N. Hoffman, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, has recently completed requirements for a Master of Science Degree in Public Health/Industrial Hygiene at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Hoffman recently completed his Master's Thesis on the effects of the toxic salient perchloroethylene on employees of the Massachusetts dry cleaning industry.

Hoffman plans to pursue a career in public health or occupational medicine while pursuing doctoral studies in the field.

He resides in Feeding Hills with his parents, Sandra and Richard Marona.

Local Students Earn Degrees From Elms College

The following local students received bachelor's degrees at Elms College commencement exercises on May 19th.

* From Agawam:

Amber L. Fifield majored in nursing. She is the daughter of Cheryl Fifield of Agawam and John Fifield of Westfield.

Ellyn Kathleen Hitas, daughter of Peter and Kathleen Hitas, was graduated *magna cum laude* with majors in psychology and elementary education. She was named to Delta Epsilon Sigma and Kappa Gamma Pi, national honor societies, and she received the Msgr. O'Neill Award in religious studies. She has been a Dean's List student.

Claire Margosiak McKenzie majored in management. She is the spouse of Carl McKenzie and the mother of Lauren. She is the daughter of Helen Margosiak of Springfield.

Dianna McCormick, daughter of William and Linda McCormick, majored in social work.

Lidia Murray was graduated *magna cum laude* in interdepartmental studies. She was named to Delta Epsilon Sigma, Kappa Gamma Pi, and Phi Alpha Theta, national honor societies. She is the wife of John S. Murray and the mother of Nathan and Nina Murray. Her parents are John and Nina Milanczuk of Springfield.

Jennifer Quaglini, daughter of David and Barbara Quadlini, was graduated *cum laude* in nursing. She has been a Dean's List student.

Irene Walker majored in interdepartmental studies.

* From Feeding Hills:

Terriann Pumbo, daughter of Angelo and Phyllis Pumbo, majored in social work. She was an orientation advisor for three years and has been a student ambassador.

Andrea Zern was graduated *summa cum laude* in nursing. She was named to Sigma Theta Tau, nursing honor society, and received the Sangeeta Sinha Award in nursing. A registered nurse, she is a cardiology nurse clinician at Baystate Medical Center. She is married to Theodore Zern and is the mother of Todd Zern.

Dominic Maloni Earns Degree From Johnson & Wales

Dominic Maloni, son of Anthony and Cynthia Maloni of 32 Losito Lane, Agawam, was among 2,826 students who received degrees at Johnson & Wales University's 82nd graduation exercises on Saturday, May 25, in Providence, Rhode Island.

Maloni earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science (Cum Laude), and his major was Culinary Arts.

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is an accredited, private institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, food service, hospitality, and technology.

With an enrollment of more than 10,000 students, Johnson & Wales is based in Providence, Rhode Island, and maintains campuses in Charleston, South Carolina, Norfolk, Virginia, North Miami, Florida, and Vail, Colorado.

Mathew Forastiere Graduates From Bridgton Academy

Mathew P. Forastiere, son of Peter and Debbie Forastiere of Agawam, was a member of the graduating class of 1996 at Bridgton Academy's 188th commencement exercises on May 11th.

Mathew, who graduated with honors, was a member of the Academy's ski team. He will not be attending Suffolk University.

Bridgton Academy, the nation's only all-postgraduate preparatory school, is located in North Bridgton, Maine.



AMY WISNIEWSKI

Amy Wisniewski Is Selected For All-State Chorus

Amy Wisniewski, a graduating senior at Agawam High School and a member of the National Honor Society, has been selected for the 1996 Massachusetts All-State High School Chorus. She is the daughter of Stephen and Eileen Wisniewski of Agawam.

In addition to her vocal talent, Amy also plays the flute and piano. She plays the flute regularly at several local churches and most recently has been called upon as a church organist.

She was a member of the AHS show choir and was secretary of the Agawam Band. Outside of school, she participated in the Friends in Harmony Community Chorus.

Students are selected for All-State Chorus on the basis of a prepared live audition. In order to audition for All-State, a student must first audition and be accepted into District Chorus.

Amy had the fourth highest district score out of 153 sopranos who auditioned.

Area Students Named To Spring Semester Dean's List At Bryant College

The following students from Feeding Hills were among those who were named to spring semester Dean's List at Bryant College:

Christina L. Ferrari, a senior Applied Actuarial Mathematics major; and **David W. Ziolkowski**, a senior Finance major.

Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, is recognized as one of the leading business colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Barron's*.

In addition, more than 10,000 business people representing 1,800 firms annually take advantage of Bryant's continuing education programs and corporate outreach efforts through the College's Center for International Business and Economic Development (CIBED).

Jillian J. Ofcarcik Graduates From North Adams State College

Jillian Joanne Ofcarcik of Springfield, daughter of Judy L. Albert, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in English and communications from North Adams State College on May 26th during the college's 97th commencement ceremony.

A 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, Jillian also graduated from Springfield Technical Community College in 1994 with an associate of science degree in Telecommunication Technology.

At North Adams, she was involved with the Student Government Association and was a Student Ambassador. She was also the Secretary of the senior class, and served as a Resident Advisor.

Lisa M. LaBelle Attains President's List At Fitchburg State College

President Michael P. Riccards of Fitchburg State College has announced that Lisa M. LaBelle of Feeding Hills was among the students who were included on the President's List for the spring semester.

LaBelle is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications at the college.

The President's List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

Fitchburg State College enrolls 6,000 day and evening students in 20 academic majors. The college was established in 1894.

Christian B. Grych Earns Bachelor's Degree From UMass Lowell

Christian B. Grych of 164 Cambridge Street, Feeding Hills, was among the nearly 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students who were awarded degrees from the University of Massachusetts Lowell at the June 2nd commencement exercise.

Grych earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education.

Building on a 100-year tradition of excellence in higher education, the University of Massachusetts Lowell offers its 11,000 graduate and undergraduate students a comprehensive range of programs in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Professions, and Management.

In seeking to make quality education accessible to all, the University has increased its commitment to meeting students' demonstrated financial need.

Nicole Lemarier Earns Albert Boissonneault Scholarship At St. David's

Nicole Lemarier, a recent high school graduate, has received the Albert Boissonneault Scholarship of St. David's, given in loving memory by his family and friends.

Nicole will be heading off to college in the fall, and has demonstrated tenacity and drive in her academic achievements.

She received the scholarship in services on June 9th.



Education

Retiring Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder Reflects On His Career In Education

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After a career in education spanning four decades, his last official act will be a phone call to the woman he calls the heart of his life.

When he leaves his office for the last time in August, retiring School Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder will call his wife. The message won't be the usual apology over being late for the umpteenth time. It'll be something like, "Honey, I'm coming home. I hope you recognize me. Let's go out and see the world we worked so hard to perfect for our children, their families, and all those high school graduates with my name on their diplomas."

Looking back on his career as a teacher, principal, and a superintendent for the last 26 years, Ryder has no regrets that he passed up an offer to enter the newly-emerging field of computers in the 1960's.

"I have enjoyed going to work every day," Ryder said. "I've enjoyed my career and would be an educator all over again."

Judging from the mementos and photos lining the walls and taking up every inch of available space in Ryder's office at the Junior High School, his career has been quite an adventure.

Among the many plaques and awards bearing his name, there are photos that have been published in magazines and as calendar illustrations; photos of high points in his career; and the cherished family photos depicting the growth of a family from two newlyweds to five children and finally to seven (and one more expected this summer) grandchildren.

In the early black and white photos, Ryder points out the fact that he still had hair back in the days he was pulling four of his kids in a wagon. Later photos show a more familiar Ryder doing a job he's done every year for the last 25 years — handing out high school diplomas. What's remarkable about these photos is that he's handing the diplomas to his own children. Two of the

kids, the ones who took after their mother, Ryder said, gave the valedictory addresses.

It's been a few years, but Ryder is still visibly moved recalling the moment his son began the address by citing the honored guests of the class — "Commissioner, Superintendent Ryder ... Dad."

"That's one I'll always remember," Ryder said. "I was in seventh heaven. The kid really had me." Sharing wall space with the family snapshots are photos that give something of a window into a long a varied career.

There's a satellite photo showing 100 square miles of the area surrounding Portland, Maine. It was given to Ryder by the NASA scientist who designed the satellite that first mapped the planet from space.

There's a photo of Ryder, a jet, and a group of pilots. They're the Thunderbirds. Ryder was their civilian host at an air force base in Maine.

Ryder And President Gerald Ford...

And then there's a photo of two familiar looking guys. Ryder on the left. President Gerald Ford on the right.

"Oh, yeah," Ryder likes to say nonchalantly. "That's the day I had breakfast with the President." Ryder's son remembers it as the most embarrassing day of his life.

For starters, Ryder told the president he was wrong on a political issue. Then to make matters worse, Ryder's sardonic sense of humor got the best of him.

"Mr. President, I'd like you to lose the election," Ryder said. "It would be a good way for you to go down in the history books as the only president who was never elected."

An unrepentant Ryder is still chuckling over it. It's probably a safe bet that Ford didn't agree.

Ryder said the Secret Service wasn't too happy with him, either. In order to allow the entire stu-



BERNARD F. RYDER, who is retiring from his position as Agawam's Superintendent of Schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

dent body to attend the President's speech, Ryder had the cafeteria cleared of chairs. The students stood while the President spoke and answered their questions. It wasn't the Secret Service detail's idea of the best sort of crowd control. But, they did get their way in securing the building. The entrances were sealed off and late students were not allowed to enter the school.

SEE RYDER - Page 50...



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RYDER - from Page 49...

Ryder said the President's visit was not intimidating. "It was nice. He's just a human being like the rest of us."

Tucked away in his bottom desk drawer, Ryder has a manuscript detailing the fictional adventures of one Benjamin Bishop.

In addition to teasing the President, Bishop will likely testify before Congress, take on the thankless job of lobbying for a bond issue to build a new high school, and be surrounded by a gang of knife-wielding toughs — and live to tell about it.

It seems one of the hoodlums respected Bishop as the only teacher at the high school who had any guts. A few weeks earlier, Bishop had had the kid suspended.

"If the book gets published, we'll have all the disclaimers. The names have been changed to protect the guilty," Ryder joked. "Some of my favorites are in there."

Ryder said his plans for retirement include looking for a school where he can end his career as he began it: teaching math. Toy-making will take up even more of his time as soon as the grandchildren find out that grampy won't be going to the office any more. With another grandchild on the way, Ryder will be returning to his woodworking hobby, making a cradle, and the cherished wooden toys designed with each child's interests in mind.

Putting His Stamp On One Of His Last Tasks

Self-described as one who always enjoys jokes and making mischief, Ryder is putting his stamp on one of the last tasks he'll undertake as a superintendent. Working on the committee that is writing the assessment tests that will become mandatory under the state's Education Reform Bill, Ryder is responsible for some of the math word problems. You know, the type of questions that read, "If Mary has six apples..."

Only, in Ryder's word problems, there won't be any Marys or Johns or Bills. Maybe it's a coincidence — maybe not. In Ryder's math questions, Brigitte, Molly, Patrick, Jacob, Matthew, Nathan, and Bryce are the children trying to figure out the unit cost of apples or how much wallpaper they'll need to redecorate their bedrooms.

Ryder just smiled. "Some of the names just happened to be the same as my grandchildren — I had a great time writing the questions."

Ryder said his immediate plans after retirement are on hold until October when his daughter is married. Until then, Ryder and his wife will continue to live in Westfield.

"I've been blessed with my wife of 41 years and my kids," Ryder said. "I was supposed to be dead in 1952, so of course I'm happy and I'll be off to a new adventure."

Term Four Honor Roll For AHS's Class Of '96

James Baldyga, Natasha Bilyalet-dinova, Stephanie Biza, Kevin Bovat, Nicole Boyer, John Butler, Kelly Carmody, Gina Cincotta, Christian DeBonville, Kirsten Decoteau, Susan DeFilipi, Michael Domaingue, Sabrina Ferrari, Melissa Fleming, Nathan Frailey, Jeffrey Gaylor, Elizabeth Gervais.

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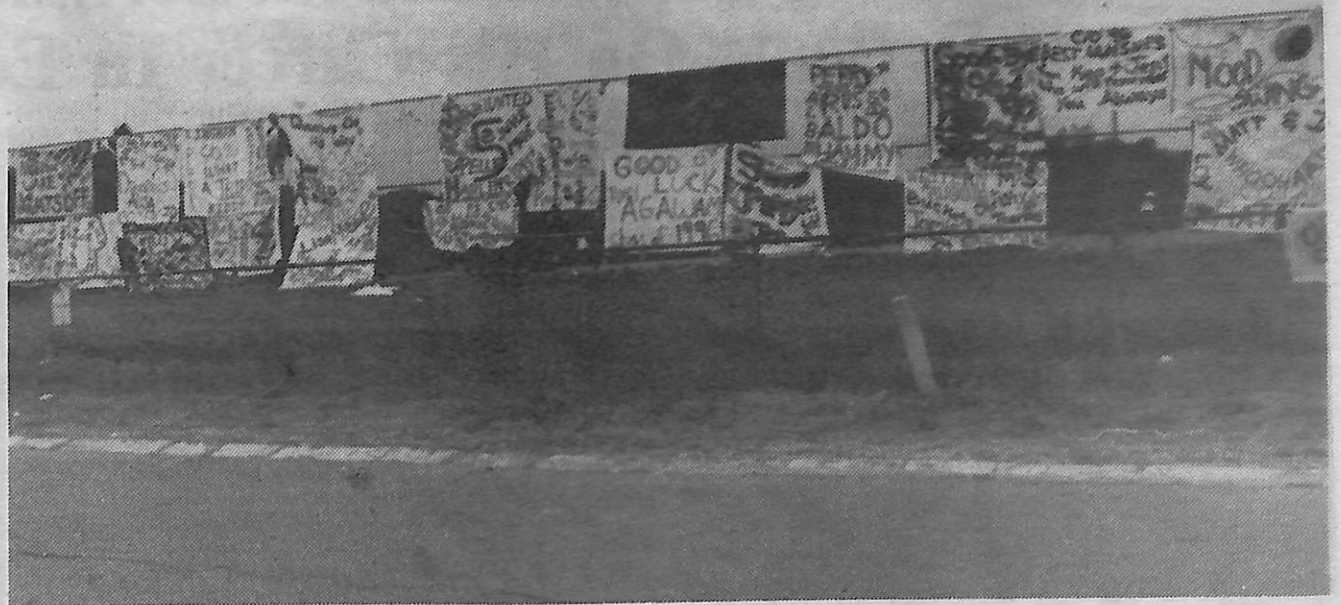
Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 24th: Cheese-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled applesauce, dessert, milk.

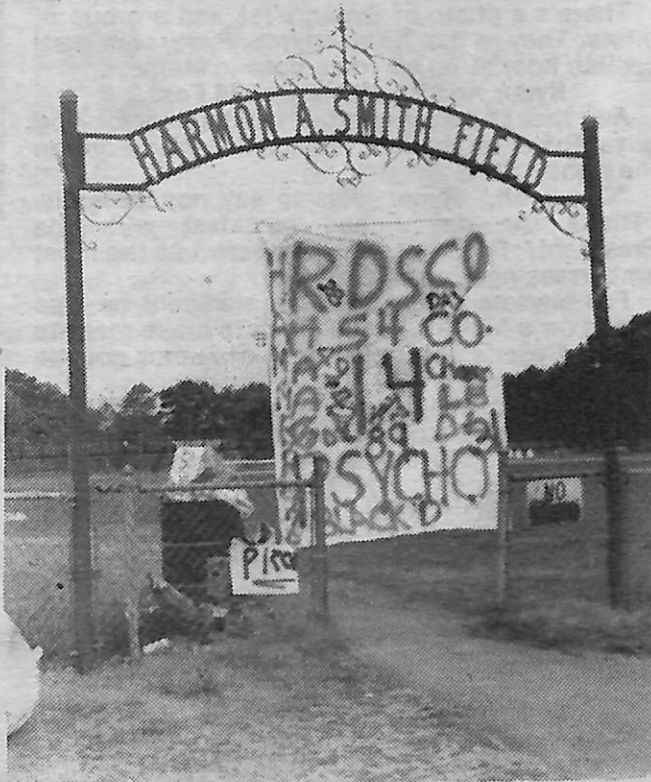
Tuesday, June 25th: Fluffernutter sandwich, tossed garden salad with dressing, chilled fruit cup or jello with topping, milk.

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"Good-Bye, Agawam High School..."



AMONG THE LONG-STANDING TRADITIONS that take place during each graduation season is the annual "decorating" of the AHS tennis courts (in photos left and above) that the seniors carry out with their creative sheets. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



William Rivers Of F. Hills Is Inducted Into "Torch Society" At Suffield Academy

On Friday, May 24th, Suffield Academy held the annual induction ceremony to welcome new members of the Torch Society.

Among the inductees was senior **William Rivers**, son of William and Maryellen Rivers of Feeding Hills.

Each spring the current members of this honorary society elect as new members those students who in some way have made a special contribution to the spirit, life or sense of community of the school. One of the oldest forms of recognition at Suffield, the Torch Society is the primary means by which students recognize each other's contributions.

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
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The Scoop On Summer School

It seems incredible, but after a tough, hard winter and a very warm spring, the school year is almost over. Now comes crunch time, the time when students try to cram everything in before taking finals.

Each year, some students don't pass a course. If they have less than a 55, they may *not* go to summer school. If they have a 55-65, then summer school is an option. On June 26th, 27th, and 28th, students will be called at home by their counselors and letters will be sent home.

Applications for summer school are available in the guidance office. There are applications for West Springfield, Westfield, Ludlow, Longmeadow, and Agawam schools.

It is the *student's responsibility* to make arrangements to attend summer school. A maximum of two courses may be taken.

If a student cannot attend summer school, a schedule change must be made with his/her counselor for next year.

Most area summer schools start July 1st, so it is imperative to sign up as soon as notification of failure arrives.

The following is information about the Agawam Summer School program for 1996.

PLACE: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Telephone number: 789-1400, ext. 418.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: Four weeks (36 hours).

DAYS, TIMES, AND COURSE OFFERINGS:

* Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (8:30 to 11:30 a.m.): July 1st through July 26th. English 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

* Tuesday and Thursday (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon): July 2nd through August 1st (no class on July 4th). World History, U.S. History, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, General Science, Biology, Physical Education (this course only meets two hours per day).

REGISTRATION FEE: \$80 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION DATES: June 24th through June 28th, 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.; July 1st through July 3rd, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to *Agawam Summer School*. Payment due with Registration Form (available from Agawam High School).

CANCELLATION: The Summer School Director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is cancelled. No refund after first class has met or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than two classes. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Avoid tardiness and dismissals.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.

Two AHS Musicians Are Nominated To All-Eastern Jazz Band

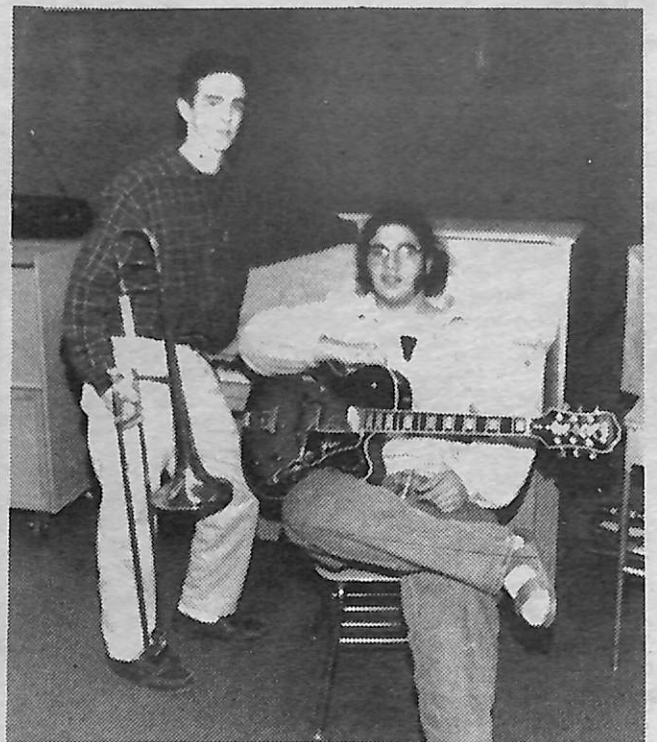
Two Agawam High School students have received word of their nomination to the All-Eastern Jazz Band.

Dr. Robert Perry, state president of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, corresponded with sophomore **Daniel Hendrix** and junior **Michael Baggetta** to inform them that they were being nominated to the group on the basis of their high district and state audition scores. Both students performed solos with a district group in January and the All-State Jazz Ensemble at the state music convention in March.

The Music Educators' National Conference will select 69 students to represent Massachusetts at their annual conference that includes eight states. If selected to perform with the All-Eastern Jazz Band, they will travel to Baltimore, Maryland next February. Official notification will be given to these students in November.

Dan Hendrix is a member of the Agawam Trombone Quartet and performs with the Bethany Assembly of God Orchestra. He has received several outstanding musicianship awards, including M.V.P. awards at district finals and the 11th Annual College of St. Rose High School Jazz Festival.

Mike Baggetta received this year's "Judge's Choice" award at the Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival. He received citations for outstanding musicianship at both the district and state finals this year. He performs with a Jazz Quartet at Riverside Park and plans to attend the National Guitar Summer Workshop in Lakeside, Connecticut.



DAN HENDRIX and MIKE BAGGETTA

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dan Hendrix and Mike Baggetta are members of the Agawam High School Jazz Band. This group, under the direction of Tammy Watson, received silver medals at several performances this year, including the International Association of Jazz Educators State Finals at Fitchburg State College, and the New York Music Festival.

Mike Dutton Recently Awarded "Freshman Of Year" At Sacred Heart

At a recently held awards ceremony, freshman student Mike Dutton was recognized as "Outstanding Freshman of the Year" at Sacred Heart University. Out of approximately 700 freshmen, one outstanding student was honored based on academics, involvement, and character.

Mike, an International Business major with minors in French and Spanish, hopes to someday work in the United Nations. A Feeding Hills resident and a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, he plans to study abroad in France and Spain during his junior year.

After completing one year at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT, Mike made Dean's List both semesters with an overall GPA of 3.5. Some of his involvements at Sacred Heart included volunteer French teacher at local schools, President of Hall Council, Head of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Programming Board Chair, Circle K, Student Government, and other various activities.

He has also attended numerous college-oriented conferences in Providence and Hartford, and will be attending two this summer in Oklahoma City and Wisconsin.

Mike Dutton is the son of Brian Dutton of Feeding Hills and Ann Christopher of Agawam, and the grandson of Richard and Mildred Dutton of Feeding Hills and Jennie Christopher of Agawam.



MIKE DUTTON

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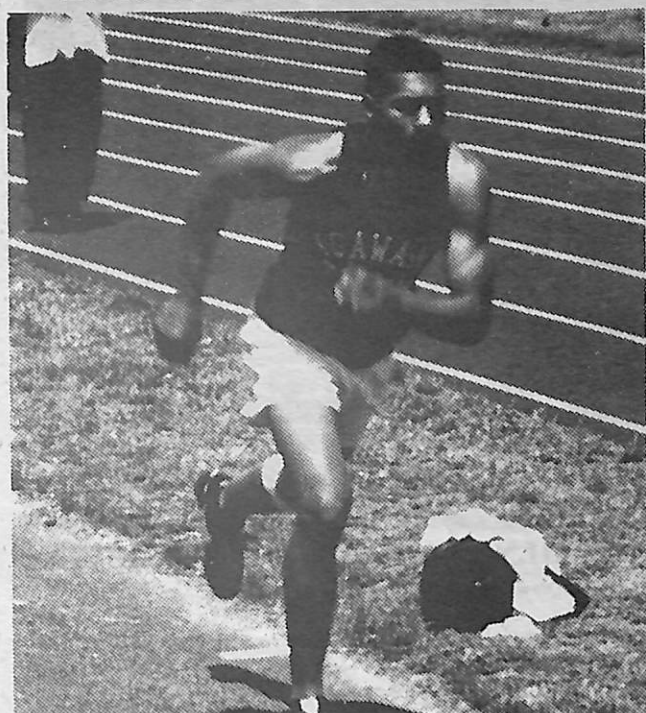
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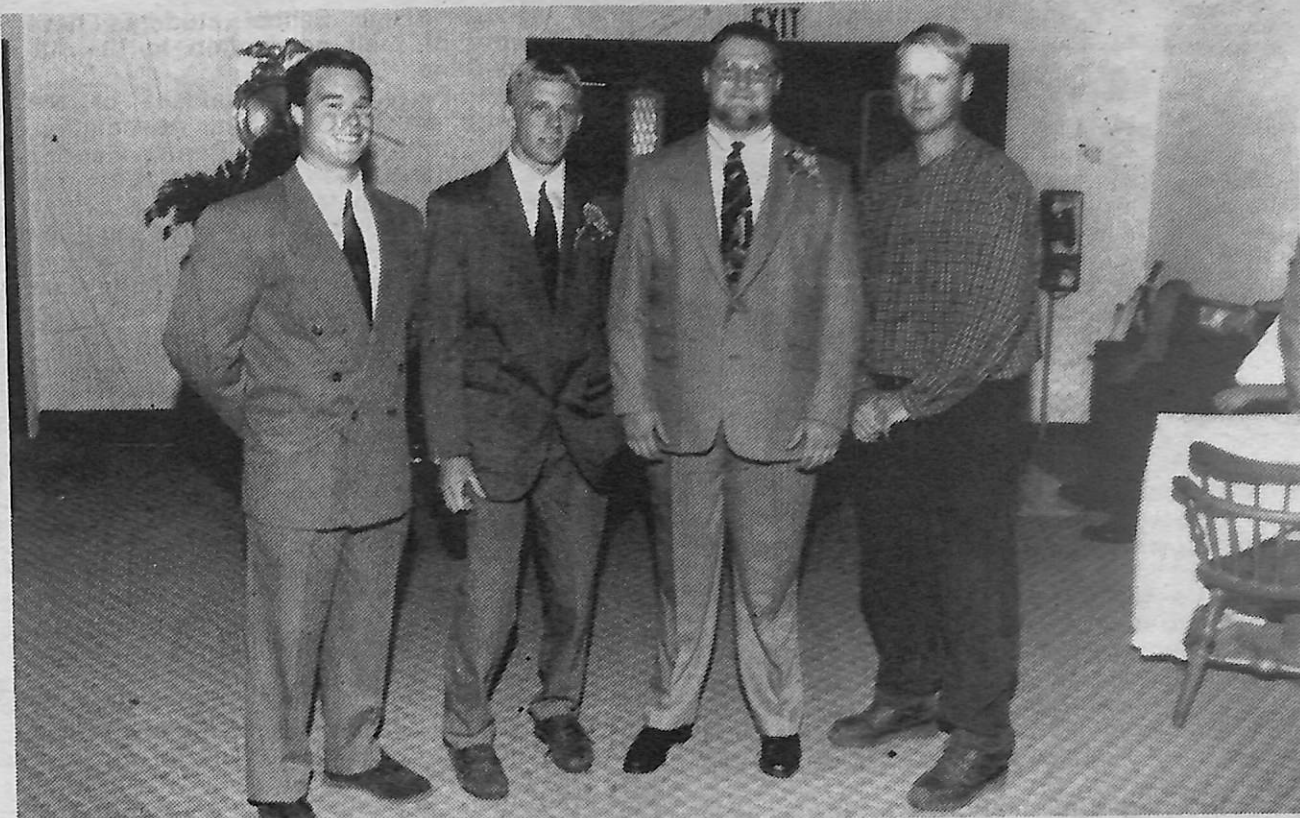


THE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS for Agawam High junior Phil McGeoghan continues to grow. The All-Western Mass., All-State, and All-New England track star has attained All-American honors for his exploits at last weekend's national track meet. McGeoghan will be a member of the school's football team this fall and already is being looked at by many colleges.

Final Standings For S.H.A.A. Girls' 13-16 (Week Ending June 9, 1996)

SOFTBALL TEAMS	W	L
Colonial Funeral Home (Red)	6	3
T & R Wholesale (Yellow)	5	4
Topper's (Green)	5	4
Cecchi's (Orange)	4	5
Polish Amer. CU (Navy)	3	7

AHS Seniors Feted At Track Banquet



THE AGAWAM HIGH BOYS' track team enjoyed one of its best years in a while in the spring of 1996. Four good reasons why are pictured above - Assistant Coach Joseph Bianca, Captains Jeff Russeau and Justin Casinghino, and Coach Dan Beavis. The "Fab Four" are pictured at the Annual Track Banquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Golf Tip Of The Week...
Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club,
Feeding Hills, MA

Understanding Tension

I've always felt that excessive tension in the golf swing begins with the grip. People who put a "death grip" on the club will find that their muscles tighten right up their

forearms and into their upper arms and then across their chest. With that much tension, it's impossible to make any kind of smooth, consistent golf swing.

I've heard players say that you should grip the club the same way you would hold an egg or a small bird — firmly enough to keep control but not hard enough to do any damage. I prefer a comparison to fencing.

A fencer must be able to hold his foil tightly enough to have control, but lightly enough to allow his hand to move quickly and accurately.

A good way to ensure against too much tension in your swing is to test your "tension area." Grip the club and address the ball. It's natural to have a little tension in your forearms, but if there's so much that it has spread in your upper arms and chest, relax your grip slightly.

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Schoolgirl Track Champs Enjoy Banquet



AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' TRACK COACH Dean Vecchiarelli (left) and Assistant Coach Dan Pryce are pictured with senior class members of the 1996 Division I Western Mass. Track Champs at the Annual Track Banquet. Class of 1996 members pictured above are Kara McDade, Sue DeFilipi, Melissa Fleming, Christy Aguinaga, Jennie VanGys, and Jamie Thomas. The girls won their first ever Western Mass. championship last month. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

S.H.A.A. Softball STANDINGS

(As Of June 17, 1996)

BOYS 10-12	W	L
Cornerstone Christian Book Store Phillies	10	2
Bonavita, Gordon, Danie And Walsh Falcons	10	3
Westfield Savings Bank Rockies	7	5
E.B's Red Sox	4	7
Baystate Gas Orioles	4	7
Agawam Federal Credit Union Blue Jays	4	8
Valenti's Athletics	2	9

GIRLS 8-10	W	L
Hastie Fence (Green)	7	2
New Horizons (Orange)	6	2
Universal Plastics (Purple)	5	3
Ag. Lions Club (Red)	4	5
West Bank (Blue)	2	7
Thomas Locke Esq. (Yellow)	2	7

GIRLS 10-13	W	L
Ideal Contractor (Grey)	10	1
T&R Wholesale (Maroon)	7	3
John's Trucking (Navy)	7	3
Ken's Eyewear (Black)	5	7
Micro-Test (Red)	5	8
Ag. Police Assoc. (Orange)	2	8
Steven's Travel (Teal)	2	9

Tri-Town Soccer At Jr. High

Tri-Town United, a soccer team playing in the Pioneer Valley Men's Summer Soccer League, will play its first home game of the summer season on Monday, June 24th, at the Agawam Junior High soccer field. Game time is 6:30 p.m. and the public is welcome.

The team consists of former and present college players from the communities of Agawam, Southwick, and Westfield. The team is organized by Paul Lapointe of Southwick, owner and operator of Agawam Tire & Auto Center in Feeding Hills, and Eddie Santaniello, owner and operator of Bruno's Pizza in Feeding Hills. The Jr. High soccer field will be the team's summer home in 1996.

Agawam players on the team include Derek Casinghino, an Agawam High grad now at Westfield State College; Justin Graham, a former Agawam High goalie who is heading for Westfield State; and Mike Canata, another former Agawam High grad now at Westfield State College.

The team's record at presstime is 0-1-1. The league includes several strong area teams, including the Ludlow Luisitanos.

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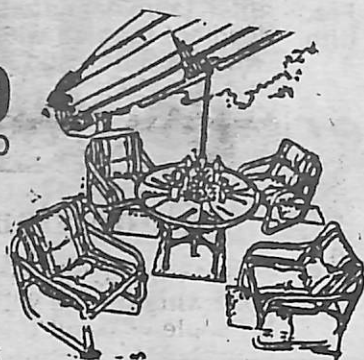


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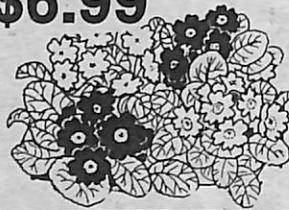
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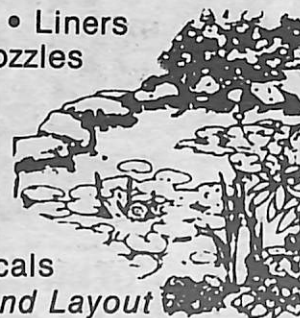
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Four First-Time Winners At Riverside Last Sat. Night

It was a night of "firsts" at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA, on Saturday, June 15th.

On that particular evening, there was the first Modified win for **Richie Gallup** in 1996; the first-ever Pro Stock win for **Jay Miller**; the first Late Model win for **Wayne Coury**; and, in 10 races, another first-time winner in the Strictly Stocks — **George Colton**.

A crowd of 4,969 came to witness the Reliable Race Cars/ACME Auto Supply special event. The Modified feature was strong right from the green.

For 25 laps, Fran Principi set a blistering pace ... until the tires started to go away. The early battle was for second with Dave Berube and Richie Gallup rubbing nerf bars. Then, on lap 26 as Tony Papale spun, it was Richie Gallup who took care of the battle on the restart.

Once he was in command, Gallup (like a true veteran) slowed the pace just enough to take care of the competition. As he did that, Ted Riggott was charging forward; while Riggott drove the career run of 1996, Reggie Ruggiero was also just as strong by working high and low as the intimidator. Four cautions for minor spins allowed "green flag" racing from lap 36 to the checker.

Gallup drove as smooth as he did when he won his last Riverside feature — a Tour race in 1993. Second at the checker with a strong late-race charge was Ted Riggott (International Auto Body), third was Reggie Ruggiero (Ed Oles), fourth was Dave Berube (Leether), and fifth was Tom Jensen (A&E Auto Body).

Sixth through 10th went to Ed Spiers, Dan Avery, Fran Principi, and Chris Kopec.

"Luther deserves this win. Phil Lauro was stuck with us and this is for them," said a happy and deserving Richie Gallup, adding, "This win has been a long time coming."

Fred Alkas, Jr. led the first lap of the Pro Stocks, and it was outside contender Jay Miller who then took the lead to blister the competition. Jay drove a smooth race and never gave up any ground to secure his first-ever Pro Stock win.

Just as impressive as Miller was, so was Les Hinkley, who did a great job to finish second. Third and challenging was Jeff Horn, and Fred Alkas and John Lobo were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Rounding out the top 10 in this feature were Ed Carroll, Gary Fiormonti, Rich Vasseur, Craig St. Germain, and Fran Colson.

As Jay Miller earned his first Pro Stock win, his father, Ray Miller, watched with joy to the checker. And victory lane looked like a meeting of celebrities, courtesy of the likes of Mike Joy, Booker T. Washington, and Eddy Flemke all sharing in the popular win.

"The car was perfect, thanks to Race Works and the crew. I have to thank Brightside, Spring Clean, and everyone. This is great!" said the talented Jay Miller.

Brian Merchant led the ACME Late Model feature for two laps when Wayne Coury motored low and out in front. Coury was awesome as the leader.

In the closing laps, Chris Wenzal came from mid-field to move into second. Third was Joe Rzesutek, followed by Gee Perry and rookie Ken Marquis.

The sixth- through 10th-place positions were earned by Harold Brunig, Brian Locke, Bob Ermark, Glen Griswold, and Charlie Docherty.

This was another popular win, as Wayne is a veteran who has really shown a great deal of talent. This race proved that he is indeed a winner, and Wayne gave credit to Valley Auto Machine, Bennett Builders Painting, and Wayne's Auto Body.

Pole-setter George Colton won his first Strictly Stock feature, thus making a total of 10 different winners in 11 races for 1996 in this division.

Dennis Charette was second, and Mark Anderson, Scott Ciak, and Dennis Brilla comprised the rest of the top five. Rounding out the top 10 were Bill Reiman, Keith Miller, Pat Townsend, Ed Charette, and Tom Garity.

On Father's Day (Sunday, June 16th), Riverside's Marathon event drew 350 cars in nine divisions as 6,136 fans filled the speedway. It exemplified the most variety in auto racing (something for everyone), and the fans loved it.

Joe Bates was the star of the Legends feature after team Manafort and Joe McNamara (while leading) tangled with lap traffic. From then on it was the Bates and Palmer duo wheel-to-wheel at

the checker. Third with a great run was Mike Ledoux over Dan Pace and Fred Vordermeir. Sixth through 10th were Shaun Buffington, Richard Gerbe, David Caissie, Shawn Mulcahy, and Jim Smith.

George Savary has to be one of the winningest drivers in New England. The Pro 4 Modified ace again just blew away the competition. Gary Casella did give him a run for the lead early on, as Chris Osella came from 10th to finish third. Tom Gavine was fourth, Ron Smith was fifth, and sixth-place Sylvia Crunden held off Jim Childs, Harry Wheeler, George Ruff, and Mike Woodin.

Ace Johnson started on the pole to lead every lap in the Mini Stocks. Zak Sylvester brought out the first caution as Tom Gavine moved into second at the checker. Zak Sylvester came on strong to finish in third from last. Paul Krgtochuil was fourth, and Don Travaglin was fifth. Sixth through 10th were John Constantina, Dan Zavisza, Ron Mayette, Jesse Almeida, and Mike Nolan.

Keith Carzello became the 11th different winner in 12 starts for the Strictly Stocks. Glen Reilly moved into second over Rick Leavitt, Jonathan Young, and Jon Waterhouse. Sixth through 10th were Dennis Charette, Mike Salmond, Pat Townsend, Tony Keilty, and Kris Valerio.

In the Super Stocks, another veteran, Keith DeSantis, fought off Rick Charette for the win. Scott Garrity held on for third, and Mike Chaves and Craig Collins rounded out the top five. Jim Silvia, John Provencher, Terry Page, Norm Ashline, and Vin Pond made up the remainder of the top 10.

Brian Wittkamp was the half-ton truck winner, followed by first-time racer Glen Meisenhelder over Robert Bellinger, Nancy Muni, and Don Truckaukas. Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Don Bellinger, Gary Kibbee, Wendy Charles, Martin Kosakowski, and Dave Capriati.

Meanwhile, A-Jay Alug won the four-cylinder Enduro, and Lee Goulet won the full-size Enduro.

This Saturday, June 22nd, it's the "Big Wheel Electric Car Races" plus a five-division NASCAR special. What's more, on Sunday, June 23rd, there will be a "School Bus Demolition" to be held rain or shine.

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Martial Arts Students From Hwang's School Heading For Prague

Two students will represent **Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do** in Feeding Hills on the USA National Team at the Junior TaeKwon-Do World Championships being held in Prague, Czech Republic, from July 5th-7th. Team USA is again being managed by Raymond Shugart, a fifth degree black belt and the owner and operator of the Feeding Hills school. He is being assisted by Chris Giroux, a second degree black belt who is an instructor at **Hwang's** in Feeding Hills.

The two students on Team USA are **Brett Stevens** of Blandford and **Holly Kowal** of Westfield.

Brett is a 14 year-old eighth grader at Gateway Middle School in Huntington and has been involved in martial arts for the past nine years. He holds a black belt in both Kempo Karate and in TaeKwon-Do. His other interests include four-wheeling and basketball.

Holly is a 16 year-old sophomore at Westfield High School. She has been involved in martial arts for the past 10 years. She holds a second degree black belt. Her interests include lacrosse, bike riding, and hiking.

Shugart is the five-team Jr. National Team manager. He has been training for over 28 years and was a gold medalist in the 1976 International Championships. In 1988 he won the New England Championship in the senior division. He has traveled to 31 countries to manage and compete in the sport.

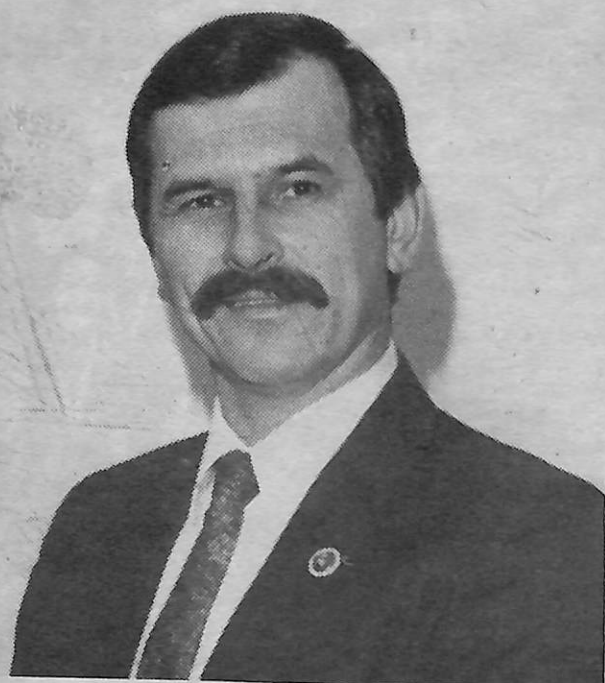
Ms. Giroux is the chief instructor for the children's program at **Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do** in Feeding Hills. She has been training for 11 years. She is a 1969 graduate of Agawam High School and holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She has three children.

TaeKwon-Do is a Korean martial art. The Junior World Championships involves free-sparring, forms, and board break for power and jumping. Brett will compete in the microweight free sparring division and Holly will compete in sparring and power breaking.

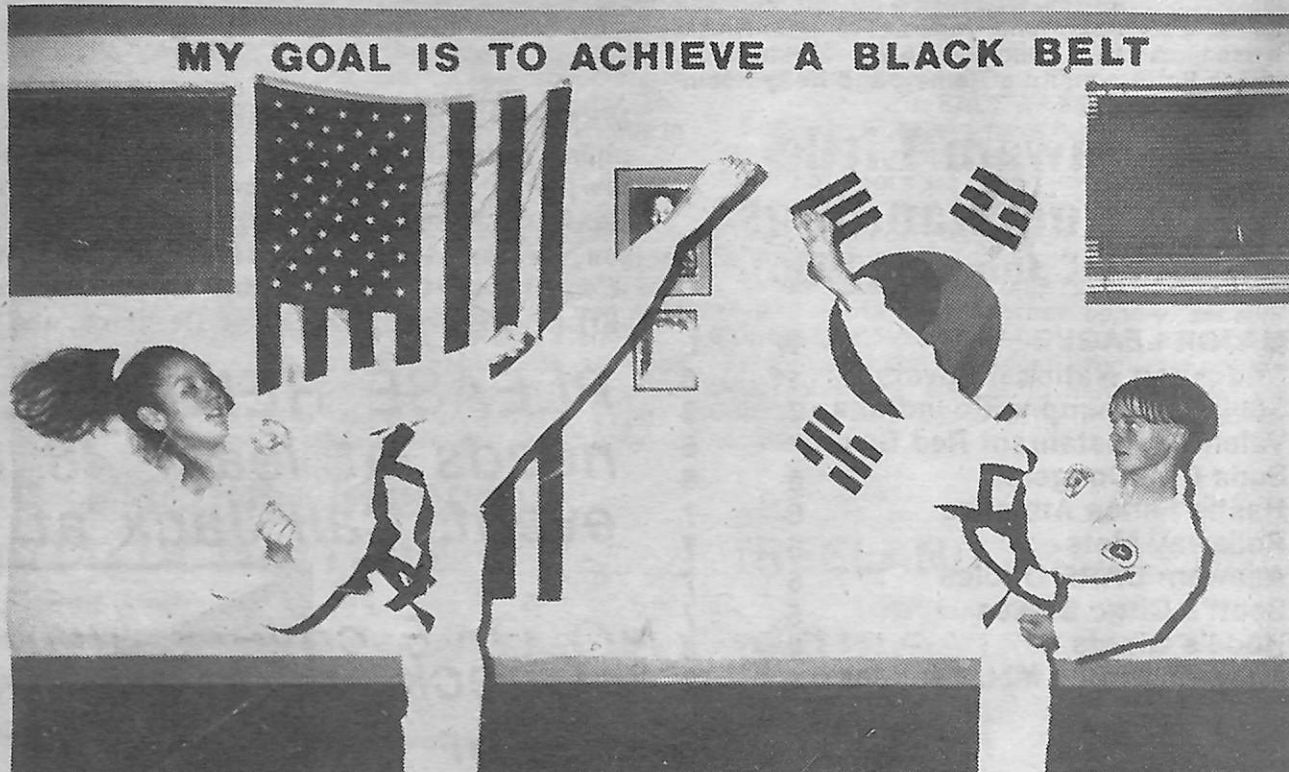
Shugart has previously escorted teams to Russia, Korea, China, Japan, and last year to Warsaw, Poland. The team trains in Manchester, Connecticut and is currently holding various fundraising activities to help finance the trip.

Spaulding has donated a set of golf clubs worth over \$1,200 and a driver valued at \$300 as raffle prizes, as well as other Spaulding products. Stop by at the school on Springfield Street to purchase raffle tickets.

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FIFTH DEGREE BLACK BELT Raymond Shugart, owner and operator of **Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do** in Feeding Hills will once again manage USA National Team at the Junior TaeKwon-Do World Championships next month. Shugart will be assisted by second degree black belt Chris Giroux, an instructor at the school.



HOLLY KOWAL and BRETT STEVENS, students at **Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do** in Feeding Hills, will be attending the Junior TaeKwon-Do World Championships in Prague, Czech Republic, next month.

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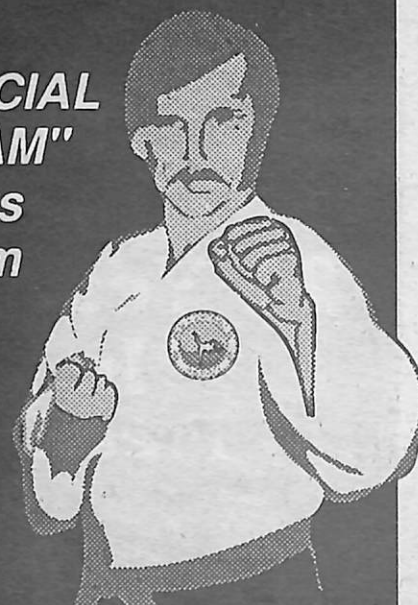


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Agawam Warriors Win Quinnipiac Valley Invitational Tourney

The Warriors, the U-16 Agawam girls' soccer team, rode an undefeated record into the final of the Quinnipiac Valley Invitational Tournament (QVIT) and handily defeated Cheshire, Connecticut, 5-0, to take the championship trophy during Memorial Day weekend.

The team's success is due in part to their commitment in adopting a different tactical approach to their game. The team has worked hard for several months to make the conversion, and their efforts were rewarded by the level of play they displayed in this tournament.

On the field, this Agawam team always demonstrates a strong sense of unity. This was never more apparent than in their second game of the tournament.

While playing shorthanded the entire game, they were able to pull off an important win on their way to the championship. The team should be congratulated on their fine effort as well as the manner in which they represent themselves and Agawam.

Team members are: Heather Arcangeletti, Franca Bonavita, Megan Conkey, Amber Conte, Jill DeMarco, Sara Drenzek, Jessica Dutton, Vanessa Galluzzo, Michele Heim, Julie LaFlamme, Nickki Lawson, Aimee Loudfoot, Amy Mastroianni, Kristen Patterson, Kara Tierney, and Kelly Robinson.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM WARRIORS GIRLS' Under 16 soccer team won the Quinnipiac Valley Invitational Tournament on Memorial Day Weekend. Team members are (back row, from left) - Nickki Lawson, Amy Mastroianni, Megan Conkey, Kara Tierney, Franca Bonavita, Jessica Dutton, Vanessa Galluzzo, and Michele Heim. Middle row - Kelly Robinson, Heather Arcangeletti, Julie LaFlamme, Sara Drenzek, and Aimee Loudfoot. Front row - Coach John O'Brien, Amber Conte, Jill DeMarco, and Coach Dom Candido. Missing - Kristen Patterson, Coach Joe DeMarco, and Coach John O'Brien III.

Agawam Little League Standings (As Of June 15, 1996)

MAJOR LEAGUE	W	L
Bridgeport National Royals	11	0
Schlaffer Chiropractic Indians	7	5
Valenti's Restaurant Red Sox	7	5
Soda City Dodgers	6	5
Hastie Fence Athletics	5	7
Rollaway Mets	5	7
Agawam DARE Orioles	5	7
Scott's Citgo Braves	5	7
Hood's Giants	4	8
Agawam Public Mkt. Yankees	4	8

MINOR LEAGUE	W	L
Parrotta's Auto Sales Athletics	10	1
Ayre Real Estate Giants	9	1
Lion's Club Orioles	8	1
Luigi's Pizza And Pasta Braves	7	4
Bolduc Screen Printing Yankees	5	4
Polish Club Royals	5	4
Teddy Bear Pool Meets	3	7
Dreyer Plumb. & Heat Dodgers	3	8
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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

The Fish Go To Deeper Waters

This last week's hot and humid weather accelerated the movement of fish into deeper and cooler water. Early morning trollers have still been taking trout in the upper tier of the water column. As the sun begins to beat down on the water, deep trolling tactics have been the order of the day.

Downrigger fishing has produced some decent catches of trout on area waters. For those of you that fish out of small boats, don't think that you are out of the running. Small, clamp-on downriggers are made that will fit the most modest budget as well as the limited space of a car top or a canoe.

Sometimes it's healthy to get back to your roots, so to speak. With a blown engine on the bass boat, I have had to rediscover the simple joys of fishing from the 12-foot tin boat and the newest addition to the family marina, a Bear Creek Odd Duck 13-foot canoe.

In this age of high power rigs and electronic sophistication, sometimes it's easy to forget the utility of earlier years, when a fishing boat did not cost more than a new car.

A recent morning at Congamond Lakes proved productive as we downrigged for trout from my "not used often enough" canoe. The 17-pound thrust electric motor and two clamp-on "mini" downriggers were just the ticket.

Gold colored Phoebe lures, running about 15-feet in back of the balls fooled several nice trout. The fish were holding at about 15-feet and were suspended over a depth of about 25 feet. The one compromise to technology was my portable depth finder. There is no sense in fishing blind.

Bass action proved hot as we switched gear and headed into the very back edges of the lily pads on the south pond. Quite a few really nice largemouth were hunkered down in the thick vegetation. These are the bass that seldom see a lure. Only light weight shallow draft canoes could maneuver through the tangle of pads.

As with other things in life, the biggest bass usually stake out the prime locations, by eminent domain. Try fishing some of these locations on your favorite water. Canoes, float tubes, or wading, can get you into some of the shallow backwaters that conventional rigs cannot navigate in.

Lure choice is limited to those lures that are weedless. Heavy line is dictated here. Due to the fact that a five-pound bucketmouth weaving his way around a half-acre of pad stems has the upper hand, 17-pound test is the minimum for this type of fishing.

Eight-inch plastic worms rigged weedless and with no weight can be deadly in the thick pads. Casting to the back edge of the pad field, slowly crawl the worm over the pads, allowing it to drop into pockets of open water.

Not For The Timid Or Faint Of Heart

This type of fishing is not for the timid or faint of heart. A big bass will explode on the lure like a depth charge. There is an unmatched thrill when you witness a bulge in the pads heading for your lure like a torpedo. This is the moment to keep your wits about you.

When the fish hits the lure in a blast of spray and weeds, be patient. He probably does not have the lure in his mouth. Bass will sometimes knock their prey off a lily pad, then turn and engulf it. Wait until you feel the fish, or see movement in your line, then set the hook with authority. The term "cross his eyes" has special significance in this situation.

In addition to plastic worms and lizards, weedless frog imitations and pork frogs on a weedless hook can be deadly. When rigging pork frogs for lily pad fishing, I like to use the hooks that have a wire weed guard. Rig the frog so that the point of the hook rides up. This will decrease the chance of hooking onto a lily pad stem.

Just a word of caution. Many of us bass fishermen have become used to fishing while standing up. That is fine in a bass boat, but don't try it in a canoe or other small craft. In addition to

the dunking you might receive, it is embarrassing to have the fish laughing at you.

I am often asked as to what is the best time to go fishing. That is probably the most frequently asked question that I receive. The answer is really one of practicality. Anytime that the "Social Director" is in a forgiving mood, or isn't adding to "the list" is the best time to go fishing. As for myself, I am blessed with a wife who understands the trials and tribulations of an outdoor writer. "Gosh honey, I need some fresh material for the column. I hate to neglect the lawn and I know that the ceiling still needs painting, but work calls! It's an awful job, but sometimes we have to make sacrifices. By the way, what did you do with that bag of plastic worms that I left on the coffee table? I need to go to work."

Enjoy a safe and productive week of recreation in our great outdoors.

FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes — Kurt at Saunders Marina reports bass fishing is heating up. Plastic worms and spinnerbaits are taking their share of bass. Weekend boat traffic is getting heavy, but weekdays and evenings are providing excellent fishing opportunities.

Connecticut River — Smallmouth are everywhere along with some very respectable largemouth. Stripers are being taken from the Holyoke Dam to the mouth of the river in Old Saybrook. Poppers and five-inch Mambo Minnows, along with Bomber Long A's, are taking their fair share of fish. Live bait fishermen using live herring are scoring at the Enfield Dam.

Farm ponds are becoming heavily weeded and are producing some fine largemouth fishing throughout the valley.

SALT WATER

Cape Cod Strippers have moved into Cape Cod Bay and the canal. Chatham Light and other traditional hot spots are giving up some real bruisers, along with the numerous schoolies. Some bluefish action has been reported by boat fishermen.

Rhode Island and Long Island Sound — The word here is that another banner season for stripers is at hand. Surf fishermen are scoring on live eels and the traditional assortment of plugs. Boat fishermen are taking fish at the rips near Cornfield Point. Some really hefty bass are being reported.

S.H.A.A. Boys' 8-10 Pitching Machine League Standings (As Of June 17, 1996)

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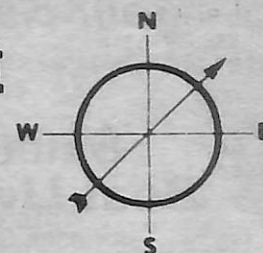
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